

Absent.

Davidson of	Paulus.
Galveston.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Willacy.
Mills.	Wilson.
Morris.	

Senator Henderson moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion to postpone prevailed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Sebastian, the Senate, at 3:15 p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committee reports were offered:

ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 28, 1903.
Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 11, "An Act to authorize the Governor to purchase lands when needed for public use and cause to be instituted condemnation proceedings therefor when necessary, in the name of the State, and to provide the procedure for such condemnation proceedings."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

HALE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 28, 1903.
Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Free Conference Committee Substitute bill No. 10, "An Act to create a State Text-Book Board and to procure for use in the public free schools of the State of Texas a series of uniform text-books, and exempting cities of ten thousand population or more from the operation of this act; defining the duties of certain offi-

cers therein named; making an appropriation therefor; defining certain misdemeanors; providing for a bond for the faithful performance of the contract and to cover liquidated damages for fraud or collusion, and authorizing the Attorney General to bring suit therefor, and providing penalties for violations of the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

HALE, Chairman.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Wednesday, April 29, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Neal in the chair.

Roll call. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beaty.	Harper.
Brachfield.	Henderson.
Cain.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Hill.
DeWitt.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	McKamy.
Douglass.	Mills.
Faubion.	Morris.
Faulk.	Patteson.
Faust.	Paulus.
Grinnan.	Perkins.
Hale.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Willacy.
Harbison.	Wilson.

Absent.

Decker.	Stafford.
Savage.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Faulk, the same was dispensed with.

Morning call concluded.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE CHAIR.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Neal) gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read:

House bill No. 3, "An Act to provide for the retirement of certain bonds of the State of Texas, maturing the first day of January, 1904, by issuing other bonds at a lower rate of interest in lieu

thereof; providing for the execution of said other bonds; the manner of sale or exchange of the new bonds, and making an appropriation for expenses incurred under the provisions of this act."

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, Referring to Pan-American relations, and authorizing reprinting certain reports in the Journal.

SENATE BILL NO. 13—PASSAGE OF.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on its second reading, regular order,

Senate bill No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4494, Chapter 10, of Title XCIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to duties and liabilities of railroad corporations,"

With the following committee amendments:

"Amend the bill by adding to the caption the following: 'And by adding Article 4494a.'"

On motion of Senator Sebastian, the committee amendment was adopted.

Senator Sebastian offered the following amendment:

"Amend bill by adding the following:

"Section 2. The fact that there is now no sufficient law upon this subject, together with the near approach of the end of the present session of the Legislature, creates an emergency and imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and this bill be placed on its third reading and final passage and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.'"

The amendment was adopted.

The bill was read second time, and was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Sebastian, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Beaty.	Hanger.
Brachfield.	Harbison.
Cain.	Henderson.
Davidson of	Hicks.
DeWitt.	Hill.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faubion.	Patteson.
Faust.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hale.	Wilson.

Absent.

Decker.	Harper.
Faulk.	Lipscomb.

McKamy.	Stafford.
Paulus.	Willacy.
Savage.	

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Beaty.	Hanger.
Brachfield.	Harper.
Cain.	Henderson.
Davidson of	Hicks.
DeWitt.	Hill.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faubion.	Patteson.
Faust.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hale.	

Absent.

Decker.	Paulus.
Faulk.	Savage.
Harbison.	Stafford.
Lipscomb.	Willacy.
McKamy.	Wilson.

Senator Sebastian moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 14—PASSAGE OF.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on its second reading, regular order,

Senate bill No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing penalties for failure in the performance of certain duties required of train dispatchers by Article 4494, Chapter 10, Title XCIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, and providing penalties for neglect or failure to perform certain duties required of depot agents by Article 4560c, Title XCIV, Chapter 12a, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to duties and liabilities of railroad corporations,"

With the following committee amendments:

"Amend Senate bill No. 14 by adding after the word '1895,' in line 3 of the caption, the following: 'As amended by the First Called Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of 1903.' Amend caption further by inserting after the word '1895,' in line 6 of the caption, the following: 'As amended by the Regular Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature.' Amend Senate bill No. 14 by inserting in line 4, of Section 1, after the word 'act,' the following: 'Of the First Called Session.' Amend Senate bill No. 14, Section 2, line 4, by striking out '4560' and inserting after the word 'Article' the word '4560c,' and strike out in same line, after the word 'Title,' the fig-

ures '104,' and insert in lieu thereof the figures '94.'"

The committee amendments were adopted.

Senator Sebastian offered the following amendment:

"Amend the bill by adding the following:

"Section 2. The fact that there is now no sufficient law upon this subject, together with the near approach of the end of the present session of the Legislature, creates an emergency and imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this bill be placed upon its third reading and final passage, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.'"

The amendment was adopted.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Sebastian, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Hanger.
Brachfield.	Harper.
Cain.	Henderson.
Davidson of	Hicks.
DeWitt.	Hill.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	McKamy.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faubion.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Faust.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Wilson.
Hale.	

Absent.

Decker.	Paulus.
Harbison.	Savage.
Lipscomb.	Stafford.
Mills.	Willacy.

Senator Sebastian offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding after the word 'the' at the end of line 26, page 1, the following: 'Regular Session of the.'"

The amendment was adopted by the following vote, it requiring a two-thirds vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Douglass.
Brachfield.	Faubion.
Cain.	Faulk.
Davidson of	Faust.
DeWitt.	Grinnan.
Davidson of	Hale.
Galveston.	Hanger.

Harbison.
Harper.
Henderson.
Hicks.
Hill.
Martin.

McKamy.
Morris.
Patteson.
Perkins.
Sebastian.

Absent.

Decker.
Lipscomb.
Mills.
Paulus.

Savage.
Stafford.
Willacy.
Wilson.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Harbison.
Brachfield.	Harper.
Cain.	Henderson.
Davidson of	Hicks.
DeWitt.	Hill.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	McKamy.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faulk.	Patteson.
Faust.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hale.	Wilson.
Hanger.	

Nays—1.

Faubion.

Absent.

Decker.	Savage.
Lipscomb.	Stafford.
Mills.	Willacy.
Paulus.	

Senator Sebastian moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Chair here stated that this disposed of all the business on the president's table.

RECESS.

On motion of Senator Faulk, the Senate, at 11 o'clock a. m., took a recess until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTER RECESS.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Neal.

FIRST HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8,

Relating to the death of Dr. J. L. M. Curry, formerly the agent of the Peabody Educational Fund.

House bill No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Fannin county, Texas."

Substitute House bill Nos. 10 and 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, of Chapter 125, of the General Laws of Texas, approved April 19, 1901, and to provide a method of making application for the purchase of the State school and asylum lands and regulate the manner of filing on the same, and providing a penalty and repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Neal) had read and referred, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

House bill No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Fannin county, Texas."

Referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Substitute House bill Nos. 10 and 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, of Chapter 125, of the General Laws of Texas, approved April 19, 1901, and to provide a method of making application for the purchase of the State school and asylum lands, and regulate the manner of filing on the same, and providing a penalty and repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8.

The Chair laid before the Senate, regular order,

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, Relating to the death of Dr. J. L. M. Curry, formerly agent of the Peabody Educational Fund.

The resolution was read and adopted.

RECESS.

On motion of Senator Hill, the Senate took a recess until 4 o'clock.

AFTER RECESS.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Neal.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

The following committee report was offered:

ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

House bill No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Fannin county,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass, and that the bill be not printed.

FAULK, Chairman.

HOUSE BILL NO. 18.

Senator Henderson moved that the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day be suspended for the purpose of considering House bill No. 18.

The motion prevailed, and

On motion of Senator Henderson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Beaty.	Grinnan.
Brachfield.	Hale.
Cain.	Hanger.
Davidson of	Harper.
DeWitt.	Henderson.
Davidson of	Hill.
Galveston.	Lipscomb.
Decker.	Martin.
Douglass.	McKamy.
Faubion.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Faust.	Sebastian.

Absent.

Harbison.	Savage.
Hicks.	Stafford.
Mills.	Willacy.
Morris.	Wilson.
Paulus.	

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading,

House bill No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Fannin county."

Bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Henderson, the

constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Beaty.	Grinnan.
Brachfield.	Hale.
Cain.	Hanger.
Davidson of	Harper.
DeWitt.	Henderson.
Davidson of	Hicks.
Galveston.	Hill.
Decker.	Lipscomb.
Douglass.	Martin.
Faubion.	McKamy.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Faust.	

Absent.

Harbison.	Savage.
Mills.	Sebastian.
Morris.	Stafford.
Patteson.	Willacy.
Paulus.	Wilson.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Hale.
Brachfield.	Hanger.
Cain.	Harper.
Davidson of	Henderson.
DeWitt.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Hill.
Galveston.	Lipscomb.
Decker.	Martin.
Douglass.	McKamy.
Faubion.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Faust.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	

Absent.

Harbison.	Savage.
Mills.	Stafford.
Morris.	Willacy.
Paulus.	Wilson.

Senator Henderson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

The following committee report was offered:

PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND OFFICE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 28, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

Substitute House bill Nos. 10 and 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, of Chapter 125, of the General Laws of Texas, approved April 19, 1901, and provide a method of making applications for the purchase of the State school and asylum lands; and to regulate the manner of filing on the same; and providing a penalty and repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass with the following amendments, and that the bill be not printed:

1. "By striking out the caption and insert the following: 'An Act to amend Sections 1, 2 and 3, of Chapter 125, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, relating to the sale and purchase and manner of filing on State school and asylum lands.'"

2. "By striking out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"That Sections 1, 2 and 3, of Chapter 125, of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, approved April 19, 1901, be and the same are hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 1. All surveyed public free school and asylum lands shall hereafter be sold in the following manner, between the first and fifteenth days of January, April, July and October each year, after this act takes effect. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall make out duplicate lists of all such lands that are subject to sale, giving description thereof and classification and appraisement of each tract. Lands classed as grazing shall not be sold for less than one dollar per acre and lands classed as agricultural shall not be sold for less than two dollars (\$2.00) per acre.

"Such notice shall be prepared and furnished by the said Commissioner and published once a week for four consecutive weeks, prior to said sale, in three daily newspapers published in the State of Texas, and also in six weekly newspapers published in the State of Texas, designated by the said Commissioner; provided, that at least three of said weekly newspapers shall be published in the section or sections of the State where the land to be sold is located. Said Commissioner shall keep and preserve in his office an original copy of each of said publications of said sale and same shall be copied in the records of his office, which record, together with said originals, shall constitute a part of the archives of said office. The amounts or sums to be paid for said pub-

lications shall be fixed and agreed upon by the said Commissioner and the State printer of the one part, and the owner and publisher of said newspaper of the other, and the costs of such publications shall be paid by the said Commissioner of and from the appropriation made for public printing; provided, however, that such disbursements shall be repaid to said fund by appropriations from the general revenue. In all questions or controversies in any court involving the sale of said land, prerequisites to said sales as to giving or publishing notices thereof, as herein provided, shall be presumed to have been performed.

"All such lists shall be immediately sent to the county clerk of the county in which said land is situated, or if such land is situated in an unorganized county, then to the clerk of the county to which such unorganized county is attached for judicial purposes. The county clerk shall at once post one of said lists on the court house door and record the other in a well-bound book kept for that purpose, which shall be open for public inspection. All lands upon which the lease will expire by the first Tuesday in January, April, July and October, after said lists are made, shall be included in said lists, and no lands now or hereafter leased and which lease is terminated by expiration, or otherwise, shall be sold until they have been listed with the county clerk for the length of time and manner herein provided.

"The lands listed as herein provided shall thereafter be subject to sale on the first Tuesday in January, April, July and October, after said listing to actual settlers only and in quantities not to exceed four sections of 640 acres each, or its equivalent, to each applicant.

"Sec. 2. Any persons desiring to purchase any of said land shall make a separate application for each tract applied for, addressed to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, describing the lands sought to be purchased. Each application shall be accompanied with the affidavit of the applicant that he desires to purchase the land for a home and that he is not acting in collusion with others for the purpose of buying the land for any other person or corporation, and that no other persons or corporation is interested, directly or indirectly, in the purchase thereof. He shall accompany said application with his obligation to the State, duly executed, binding himself to pay the State on the first day of November of each year thereafter until the whole purchase price is paid, one-fortieth of the aggregate price of said land, with interest at the rate of three per cent. (3 per cent.) per annum of the whole

unpaid purchase money. Said interest shall also be payable on the first day of November of each year. Said application, oath and obligation shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the land applied for is situated, or to the county to which said county is attached for judicial purposes, and where any tract of land is situated in two or more counties, the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall designate in first list sent the respective counties, in which the said land is partly situated, the county in which application shall be filed for the purchase thereof. The county clerk shall not file any application to purchase until the applicant shall have deposited with him one fortieth of the valuation fixed in said list. Upon receipt of said application, obligation and his first payment, and his fee as hereafter provided, the county clerk shall endorse officially on the application the date of the filing and record the same in a well-bound book, which shall be kept for that purpose, and whenever two or more applications for the same tract or part of tract are filed with the clerk on the same day, the county clerk shall record the same, but not forward either of said applications to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, nor the money accompanying the same to the State Treasurer, until it shall be determined, in the manner hereafter provided, as to the person to whom same shall be awarded.

"In the event two or more persons file applications for the same tract or parts of tracts, the county clerk shall notify each of said rival applicants that other persons have made application on the same day for the same land which he has applied to purchase, giving the survey number and name of original grantee, as shown in said lists, and said notice shall be sent by registered mail to each of said rival applicants, addressed to them at the postoffice address shown upon the application of each applicant, and said rival applicants shall on the third Tuesday in the same month by 10 o'clock a. m. file another application with said clerk as in the first instance to purchase the same land, which said application shall be delivered to the clerk by the applicant in person or by his duly authorized agent, which authority shall be endorsed upon said application and signed by the applicant, authorizing said agent to represent him in the matter of the said application. Said application to be accompanied by the obligation of the applicant for the deferred purchase money according to the amount bid by him, together with an amount of money which, added to the amount bid

by him under his first application, will be equal to one-fortieth price bid by him in his second application, and the said application, obligation and money shall be sealed up in an envelope before it is delivered to the clerk and endorsed upon it the name of the rival applicant and the land applied for.

At 10 o'clock a. m., of the said Tuesday, the said county clerk, in the presence of the applicants or their agents, shall publicly open the applications separately, calling the name of the applicant and the land applied for, and the price bid, and shall record each application as in the first instance; and the land shall be awarded by the Commissioner of the General Land Office to the applicant bidding the highest price therefor in the event two or more of the applicants on the second application shall file for the same amount, and that being the highest price bid said land shall be taken off the market until the next regular sale day. The application filed with the clerk shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and the sale shall date from the first Tuesday of the month of the sale. The applicant shall have ninety days from the date of the sale within which to actually settle upon the land so purchased, unless he is already an actual settler on other lands owned or purchased by him situated within a radius of five miles of such land, and he shall within thirty days after the expiration of the said ninety days file in the General Land Office his affidavit that he has, in good faith, actually settled upon a part of the land purchased by him, which affidavit shall describe the tract so settled upon as the home section, and said proof of settlement shall be corroborated by at least two disinterested persons, that said person has actually settled on the said tract, or that he is an actual settler on other land within five miles thereof, which corroborating affidavit shall be by persons residing in the county or vicinity in which said land is situated, and that they personally know the facts as stated in said affidavit.

"For filing and recording each application and the transmitting of the sum to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the first payment to the State treasury, and other services in connection therewith, the clerk shall be entitled to a fee of one dollar for each application, to be paid by the applicant at the time of the filing of said application. The failure or refusal of the county clerk to perform any duty required in this act, or the opening of any bid on a second application prior to the time fixed by this act, shall be an offense, and upon

conviction he shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

"Should the applicant fail to make affidavit and proof, as herein provided, within the time herein specified, the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall endorse that fact upon his application, and immediately place the land upon the market on the next list sent out, as herein provided. It shall be the duty of the county surveyor of the county in which the land is situated, upon the tender of his lawful fee by any person desiring to purchase under this act, to survey and locate out any section or sections of land designated, and should he refuse so to do upon the request of such intending purchaser, made within a reasonable time before the day of sale, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be fined in any sum not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars."

"Section 3. Every purchaser under this act shall in person reside upon some part of the land purchased by him or on other land of his own within five miles of such land for three consecutive years succeeding the date of the filing of his application with the county clerk, and make proper proofs of that fact by his own affidavit, corroborated by the affidavit of three or more disinterested and credible witnesses, personally cognizant of the fact. The officer taking such corroborating affidavit shall certify to the credibility of such witnesses. The affidavit shall be made before some officer authorized to administer oaths and having a seal. Upon the filing of said proof in the Land Office, together with a fee of fifty cents, the Commissioner shall, if he deem such proof sufficient, issue his certificate to that effect. After such certificate is issued the owner may pay out his land in full with necessary fees, and obtain a patent thereon, or he may sell the same and move off of it, but not before. Before such certificate is issued, and not thereafter, any one desiring to buy such land, or the State, may attack such sale on the ground that either or all of the statements made in the affidavit of the applicant are untrue, or that the purchaser has failed to actually reside on said land for three years, or has abandoned the same. One desiring to attack any sale shall file his application with the county clerk, as in other cases, at a price not less than that at which the same was made, together with the necessary fee, and the first one-fortieth of cost payment. Such clerk shall record the application and transmit the same and money, as in other cases. The applicant shall file his rea-

son for attack in the Land Office, and if his reasons be either non-settlement or abandonment, or for prior purchase of one complement of land since April 19, 1901, or for transfer of the land prior to the issuance of the certificate by the Commissioner, as herein provided, the facts shall be investigated fully, and if the charges are sustained to the satisfaction of said Commissioner, he shall declare the former sale forfeited and award the land to such contestant. Such forfeiture shall operate as a forfeiture of the land, and all payments made thereon to the fund to which such lands and payments belong. If the reason for attack be for any other cause sworn to in the application of the former purchaser such person so attacking shall file his suit in the proper district court within sixty days from the date of filing of his application with the county clerk, and not thereafter. In no case shall a deed or transfer to any lands, sold under this act, be filed in the Land Office, nor shall the accounts in the name of the original purchaser be changed upon the books of the Treasurer, nor the Land Office, but all deeds or transfers shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk of the proper county or counties; provided, any original lessee or his assignee holding a valid lease from the State of Texas, shall for sixty days prior to the expiration of his lease, have a preference right to purchase four sections of land as an actual settler, described in his lease without reference to the five miles radius; provided, that in no case shall the preference right exceed four sections in any original lease; provided further, that said lessee or assignee shall, within thirty days prior to the expiration of his lease, notify the county clerk, designating the section or sections he intends to purchase, said notification to be recorded in the office of the county clerk and become a part of the county record; provided further, that no preference right of purchase under this act shall inure to the benefit of any one except the original lease holder, or his assignee to whom has been assigned the entire original lease, and then only for the purchase of four sections upon which there are improvements to the value of five hundred dollars or more, and not to any person or persons to whom has been assigned some portion of the original leasehold; and the purpose of this act is to prevent more than one person from purchasing four sections of land as assignee of an original lease holder.

"Section 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed."

"Section 5. The fact that there is

no adequate law providing the method of making sales of the public free school and asylum lands, and there is, under the present law, serious conflict arising between applicants for the purchase thereof, creates an emergency and imperative public necessity requiring a suspension of the constitutional rule which requires bills to be read on three several days in each house, and said rule is hereby suspended, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

GRINNAN, Chairman.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NOS. 10 AND 12.

Senator Grinnan moved that the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day, be suspended for the purpose of considering Substitute House Bill Nos. 10 and 12.

The motion prevailed, and

On motion of Senator Grinnan, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Beaty.	Grinnan.
Brachfield.	Hale.
Cain.	Harper.
Davidson of	Henderson.
DeWitt.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Hill.
Galveston.	Lipscomb.
Decker.	Martin.
Douglass.	McKamy.
Faubion.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Faust.	Sebastian.

Absent.

Hanger.	Savage.
Harbison.	Stafford.
Mills.	Willacy.
Morris.	Wilson.
Paulus.	

The Chair laid before the Senate, on its second reading,

Substitute House bill Nos. 10 and 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, of Chapter 125, of the General Laws of Texas, approved April 19, 1901, and to provide a method of making application for the purchase of the State school and asylum lands, and regulate the manner of filing on the same, and providing a penalty and repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Grinnan moved that the committee amendments be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

Bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Grinnan, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Hale.
Brachfield.	Hanger.
Cain.	Harper.
Davidson of	Henderson.
DeWitt.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Hill.
Galveston.	Lipscomb.
Decker.	Martin.
Douglass.	McKamy.
Faubion.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Perkins.
Faust.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	

Absent.

Harbison.	Savage.
Mills.	Stafford.
Morris.	Willacy.
Paulus.	Wilson.

(Senator Davidson of DeWitt in the chair.)

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Brachfield.	Hale.
Cain.	Hanger.
Davidson of	Harper.
DeWitt.	Henderson.
Davidson of	Hicks.
Galveston.	Hill.
Decker.	Lipscomb.
Douglass.	Martin.
Faubion.	McKamy.
Faulk.	Patteson.
Faust.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.

Absent.

Beaty.	Savage.
Harbison.	Stafford.
Mills.	Willacy.
Morris.	Wilson.
Paulus.	

Senator Grinnan moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

Senator Faulk offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Free Conference Committee be and are hereby instructed to put the following clause on the appropriation bill:

Section 7. No part of the appropriation herein made shall be used to pay any employe in any State department or institution who is related within the third degree, either by affinity or consanguinity, to the head of any such department and institutions and that to carry out the intent and purpose of the Legislature, it is

Provided, That no warrant shall be drawn by the Comptroller, nor paid by the State Treasurer for any employe in any department or institution of the State who may be related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to the head of such department or institution, and if such warrant is drawn, the same shall not be paid.

[Signed

PERKINS,
FAULK,
BRACHFIELD,
HENDERSON.]

The resolution was read, and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Brachfield.	Hale.
Cain.	Henderson.
Davidson of	Hicks.
DeWitt.	Martin.
Douglass.	McKamy.
Faulk.	Patteson.
Faust.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.

Nays—6.

Beaty.	Harper.
Decker.	Hill.
Faubion.	Lipscomb.

Absent.

Davidson of	Paulus.
Galveston.	Savage.
Hanger.	Stafford.
Harbison.	Willacy.
Mills.	Wilson.
Morris.	

Senator Henderson moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

(President Pro Tem. Davidson of Galveston in the chair.)

MOTION TO RESCIND.

Senator Hale moved that the Senate rescind its action when the amendment to not pay T. G. Harris, Superintendent of the San Marcos Normal, was adopted (in the General Appropriation bill).

Senator Hicks made a point of order, that the motion had already been voted down; also reconsidered and tabled.

Senator Hanger made a point of order,

that the appropriation bill was not before the Senate; that it had been passed and had gone to a Free Conference Committee, therefore it was not before the Senate.

The Chair (President Pro Tem. Davidson of Galveston) sustained both points of order.

COMMUNICATION ORDERED PRINTED IN THE JOURNAL.

Senator Davidson of DeWitt offered the following communication, and asked that it be published in the Journal. There being no objection it was so ordered.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,

Austin, Texas, April 28, 1903.

Senator A. B. Davidson, Senate Chamber, Capitol.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your communication of the 28th inst., I beg to say that I cannot answer all your interrogatories from the records in this office, but I give what the said public records show. It should be explained also that there is of record in this office only the bare list of names and postoffice addresses of the applicants who were not chosen, because their applications and endorsements have been returned to them. The said list is merely the mailing list as made in this office in returning the credentials after receiving them from the president-elect, as hereinafter explained.

All the papers in connection with all applications were delivered by me to the president-elect, Mr. T. G. Harris, who made no report whatever classifying the applications by showing the names of the applicants for each position; but he merely returned the papers in the alphabetical order in which they had been delivered to him. There is, therefore, no record of the tenor of the respective applications, and I can therefore only state in a general way in reply to your interrogatory concerning the educational preparation of such applicants that some were eminently well qualified by academic training, successful practical experience, and high standing. Degrees ranged from Ph. D., through Masters and Baccalaureate degrees from institutions of the first rank.

In response to your questions about past and present residence of all applicants, I give for the applicants not chosen the postoffice address from the mailing list above mentioned; and for the appointees, the respective residences as stated in a list presented to the board by the president-elect, which was copied

in the minutes of the board recording the election of the persons named. I append first the last mentioned list of appointees adding as much of the data requested by you as I have found in their credentials or in the list presented to the board by the president-elect, for several of the appointees had no application or endorsements addressed to the board on file; and I next append the mailing list as it was made in returning the papers returned to this office as aforesaid by the president-elect.

Respectfully,

ARTHUR LEFEVRE,

State Superintendent, and Secretary
State Board of Education.

P. S.—This reply to your communication has been submitted to Governor Lanham, President of the State Board of Education, and it is transmitted with his sanction. A. L.

LIST OF APPOINTEES.

Miss Maud Shipe, principal's assistant, department of Pedagogy; Lamar county; University of Texas; age —; no data, neither application nor letters in her behalf have been on record with Secretary of State Board.

Miss Lula Hines, primary methods; department of Pedagogy; Weatherford; no statement in application of "where educated;" age —; "fifteen years experience in teaching."

J. E. Blair, head master, department of English; Denison; Normal School, Lebanon, Ohio; age —; no data.

Mrs. Lillie Shaver, assistant, department of English; Greenville; no application was filed with Secretary of State Board, but letters from two persons were received in her behalf, one of which states that she was educated at Trinity University, Texas; age—; no data.

Miss Kate White, assistant, department of English; Salado; neither application nor letters were filed with Secretary of the State Board, and therefore no data.

W. A. Palmer, head master, department of History, Civics and Geography; Dallas; Sam Houston Normal, and a letter mentions that he has taken some courses leading to a B. A. degree at Chicago; age —; no data.

Mrs. Willie Foster, assistant, department of History, etc.; Tyler; Sam Houston Normal; age —; no data.

Miss Annie Pearsall, assistant, department of History, etc.; Galveston; studied at Chicago University; age —; "eighteen years experience as a teacher."

Alfred Freshney, Physics and Chemistry, department Physical Science; Austin

tin; graduate of Christ's Hospital, Lincoln, England; certificates from South Kensington, London, in physics, zoology, etc., holds fellowship in Chemistry in University of Texas; age —; "eight years experience in teaching in public schools of Texas, and two years in State University."

S. W. Stanfield, Botany, Physiology, Zoology, department of Physical Science; San Marcos; Southwestern University; age —; "taught thirteen years in Coronal Institute, now in charge of Weatherford College."

J. S. Brown, head master, department of Mathematics; Tarrant county; Sam Houston Normal, Northern Indiana Normal School; now studying at University of Texas; age —; "taught fourteen years in Grapevine."

Miss Jessie Sayers, assistant, department of Mathematics; graduate of Virginia Female Institute; age —; "sixteen years experience in teaching in public schools of Austin."

J. E. Pritchett, head master, Latin; department of Foreign Languages; San Marcos; "College graduate," also studied at Johns Hopkins University; age—; no data.

Miss Helen Hornsby, assistant, German, department of Foreign Languages; Austin; graduate of University of Texas; age —; no data.

Miss Mary S. Butler, Vocal Music; Ruston, La.; (lately of Austin); Indianapolis High School, Western Female Seminary, Ohio, Emerson College of Oratory, Boston; age —; no data.

Mrs. Lucy Burleson, Librarian and Secretary, San Marcos; "studied at Galveston and Dallas, State Normal of Methods, and attended University Summer School; age —; no data.

LIST OF APPLICANTS NOT CHOSEN.

Mrs. Belle Anderson, San Marcos.

C. N. Adkisson, Terrell.

Mrs. S. C. Baker, San Luis Obispo, Cal.

E. T. Barber, Albion, Idaho.

H. P. Baya, DeFuniak, Florida.

K. A. Berry, Quanah.

J. E. Binkley, Temple.

J. B. Bishop, Weatherford.

J. V. Bowen, Weatherford.

W. L. Bringham, San Antonio.

Miss N. L. Brown, Austin.

H. M. Brown, Livingston.

S. E. Birkhead, Waco.

Miss E. A. Busch, Columbia, Mo.

W. S. Burks, Pittsburg.

H. M. Butler, Newport, Ky.

W. A. Denny, Anderson, Ind.

Miss S. A. Devlin, Whitewater, Wis.

Miss E. Daniel, New Haven, Conn.

I. S. Davenport, Hutto.

Miss Ellen Duncan, New Haven, Conn.

Fred Duncan, Georgetown.

C. E. Durham, Sulphur Springs.

Miss B. E. Campbell, Sistersville, W. Va.

Miss M. F. Canfield, Paris.

Miss Kittie Carlisle, Austin.

Miss J. Casis, Austin.

W. J. Clancy, Alvarado.

E. F. Clanton, Longview.

O. C. Charlton, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Edgar Chase, Liberty, Mo.

W. H. Collins, New Haven, Conn.

W. E. Clark, Hempstead.

Miss F. Clifton, San Marcos.

A. C. Coers, New Braunfels.

Miss C. Cowden, Athens, Ohio.

J. J. Crumley, Baltimore, Md.

Miss Katherine Eanes, Austin.

Miss L. B. Earhart, Whitewater, Wis.

Miss G. Earhart, Whatcomb, Wash.

R. R. Eason, Elgin.

J. C. Edmonds, Bastrop.

Miss M. Eitzen, Columbia, Mo.

Wm. Eilers, LaGrange.

Miss Annie Ellis, Lockhart.

Miss Annetta E. Ferris, Trinidad.

Miss Edna Foster, Denison.

W. S. Fleming, Brownwood.

Norman Freudenberger, Columbia, Mo.

S. E. Frost, Fort Worth.

Miss Stella Ross, Lockhart.

J. N. Gambrell, Prairie Lea.

Wm. Gay, South McAlester, I. T.

Miss O. M. Ghoslin, Alden, Iowa.

Miss C. L. Guild, Winterpart, Fla.

W. O. Hamilton, Liberty, Mo.

J. E. Hallinen, Norman, Okla.

Mrs. M. B. Henderson, Dallas.

R. J. Hill, Austin.

C. L. Holtzman, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

W. C. Howard, Quanah.

D. D. Hutchison, Houston.

Miss Jennie Hall, McGregor.

G. R. Hamman, Fort Worth.

Miss Jessie Hall, Corsicana.

W. A. Irwin, Bloomington, Ind.

C. A. Jameson, Houston.

E. L. Johnston, Jacksonville.

Miss Nellie Johnson, Edmond, Okla.

J. A. Jones, Fayetteville, N. C.

T. P. Junkin, Cuero.

T. B. Kendrick, Dallas.

Miss Kordzick, Fredericksburg.

H. G. Kiehl, Meyersville.

J. E. Kelley, Victor, N. C.

A. H. Karbach, Huntsville.

J. J. Kilpatrick, Yoakum.

Miss Roberta Lavender, Austin.

C. H. Letzerich, Wichita Falls.

L. M. Logan, Talequah, I. T.

E. G. Littlejohn, Galveston.

Miss M. Loggins, Ennis.

C. N. Lynch, Jackson, La.

Wm. Thurman, New Kirk, Okla.

Thos. J. Marth, Zorn.

Miss Lillie Martin, Dallas.
 G. E. Merkley, Bethlehem, Pa.
 Miss B. E. Meachum, Navasota.
 O. F. V. Meder, Pass Christian, Miss.
 John H. McLean, McKinney.
 Mrs. McKay, San Marcos.
 Miss P. McGehee, San Marcos.
 Miss B. McLanahan, Weatherford.
 Miss M. McLauchlin, Sherman.
 Miss M. McLeod, Corsicana.
 Miss J. Miller, Marshall.
 J. F. O'Shea, Cameron.
 Mrs. Ida Otey, Huntsville.
 Miss J. O'Connor, Austin.
 Miss S. A. Owen, Austin.
 B. C. Odom, Mineral Wells.
 B. R. Paddock, Ennis.
 T. J. Patillo, Houston.
 E. R. Parker, Marshall.
 A. G. Plaff, San Antonio.
 A. S. Pegues, Georgetown.
 C. Pessels, San Antonio.
 J. B. Posey, Jacksonville.
 W. T. Pollard, Jacksboro.
 H. M. Perry, Edom.
 R. C. Pantermuehl, Austin.
 Miss Mattie Pistole, Calvert.
 C. S. Potts, College Station.
 T. J. Paine, Calvert.
 Miss Lula Rainey, Waco.
 Smith Ragsdale, Dallas.
 E. E. Reed, Chillicothe, Mo.
 Mrs. E. H. Rice, San Antonio.
 Ed. B. Richards, Cambridge, Mass.
 Miss Ada Robertson, Pollock.
 Miss C. E. Rogers, Whitewater, Wis.
 F. W. Roman, New Haven, Conn.
 Miss F. Sawyer, Waco.
 T. E. Sanders, Batesville, Ark.
 Emil Saner, Austin.
 Miss K. C. Sturgis, San Marcos.
 Miss F. Shook, Lawrenceville, Va.
 Mrs. Bernice Shank, Berea, Ohio.
 Burgess Shank, Berea, Ohio.
 A. S. Shipp, Georgetown.
 S. H. Spragins, Helena, Ark.
 Miss Katie Stout, Dallas.
 G. T. Surface, Emory, Va.
 W. J. Spillman, San Antonio.
 Miss E. C. Symington, San Antonio.
 Miss Laura Steele, San Antonio.
 L. B. Tenison, Dallas.
 C. L. Turner, Carthage.
 J. A. Thomas, Celeste.
 H. E. Thompson, Dawson.
 J. A. Thompson, Wheelock.
 L. C. Thomas, Waco.
 Miss M. Teichmueller, LaGrange.
 Mrs. Z. E. Templeton, Dallas.
 J. B. Triplett, Shedardstown, W. Va.
 C. W. Vaughn, Eufaula, Ala.
 J. N. Yaeger, Lake Charles, La.
 J. S. Williams, Chicago, Ill.
 T. E. Wight, Haynesville, La.
 Miss M. Ware, Huntington, W. Va.
 Miss L. Weaver, Mexia.
 Chas. Walker, Jefferson City, Tenn.
 Percy H. Walker, Orkney Springs, Va.

Also an uncertain number of persons who called or sent for their papers before the files were mailed, among whom are remembered

T. M. Colston, San Antonio.
 J. E. Smith, San Antonio.
 F. E. Smith, Austin.
 Miss M. L. Horton, Austin.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Henderson, Senator Savage was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate for today on account of sickness.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Perkins, the Senate, at 5:20 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX A.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
 Austin, Texas, April 29, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing penalties for failure in the performance of certain duties required of train dispatchers by Article 4494, Chapter 10, Title XCIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, as amended by the First Called Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, and providing penalties for neglect or failure to perform certain duties required of depot agents by Article 4560c, Title XCIV, Chapter 12a, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, as amended by the Regular Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, relating to duties and liabilities of railroad corporations,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
 PATTESON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
 Austin, Texas, April 27, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4494, of Title XCIV, Chapter 10, of the Revised Civil

Statutes of 1895, relating to duties and liabilities of railroad corporations,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
PATTESON, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

Resolved by the Senate, That the Secretary of the Senate make out at once a list of all bills and resolutions that have been passed by the House and Senate and approved by the Governor, or have become effective without the Governor's approval. Said bills and resolutions to be listed by caption so that the substance of the same may be apparent from the reading of such caption. Be it further

Resolved, That as soon as said list is prepared that the same be printed in the Journal.

[Signed

DOUGLASS,
HICKS.]

The resolution was adopted.

In accordance with the above resolution the Secretary made the following report. Where a bill or resolution is marked "without approval," it become a law without the Governor's signature:

Senate bill No. 1, "An Act appropriating one hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$110,000) to pay mileage and per diem of members and per diem of officers and employes of the Twenty-eighth Legislature."

Approved January 17th.

Senate bill No. 2, "An Act appropriating twenty thousand dollars to pay the contingent expenses of the Twenty-eighth Legislature."

Approved January 20th.

Senate bill No. 9, "An Act to amend Section 13, Chapter 12, of 'An Act to incorporate the city of Beaumont; to grant it a special charter, and fix its boundaries,' adopted by the Twenty-sixth Legislature, relating to the treasurer of said city, so as to provide that he shall be treasurer of the school fund of said city, defining his duties and fixing compensation for all duties performed by him as such treasurer of the city of Beaumont, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Approved January 26th.

Senate bill No. 7, "An Act to confer upon the county court of Matagorda county the civil and criminal jurisdiction belonging to said court under the Constitution and general statutes of Texas; to define the jurisdiction

of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change; to fix the time of holding court, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

Approved January 30th.

Senate bill No. 43, "An Act to create the Sixtieth Judicial District of the State of Texas, in Jefferson county, additional to the Fifty-eighth Judicial District therein, to establish a court, provide for a judge and clerk of such new district, to regulate the venue of the courts of such respective districts, and the disposition of the jurisdiction, the boundaries and the terms thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Approved February 3rd.

Senate bill No. 3, "An Act to repeal an act to incorporate the town of Zavala, in Smith county, Texas, passed at the session of the Thirteenth Legislature, approved May 17, 1873."

Approved February 5th.

Senate bill No. 15, "An Act changing the time for holding district court in the Thirty-first Judicial District."

Approved February 12th.

Senate bill No. 71, "An Act for the relief of railway corporations and belt and suburban railway companies having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1887, and which have failed, or are about to fail, to construct their roads and branches or any part thereof within the time required by law."

Approved February 13th.

Senate bill No. 17, "An Act to fix the time of holding the courts in the Forty-seventh Judicial District of Texas."

Approved February 11th.

Senate bill No. 29, "An Act to amend Article 4223, Title LXXXVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to public printing."

Approved February 5th.

Senate bill No. 42, "An Act to authorize the International & Great Northern Railroad Company to purchase, own and operate, as a part or parts of its line, the railroad constructed, or to be constructed, of the Houston, Beaumont & New Orleans Railroad Company, and also the railroad constructed or to be constructed of the Houston, Oaklawn & Magnolia Park Railway Company, or either of them, as defined in their respective charters, together with all franchises and property incident or appertaining to said railroads or either of them; and to authorize said Houston, Beaumont & New Orleans Railroad Company and said Houston, Oaklawn & Magnolia Park Railway Company each to sell

its railroad as defined in its charter, together with all franchises and property incident or appertaining thereto, to authorize said International & Great Northern Railroad Company to issue and negotiate its bonds secured, or to be secured, by mortgage or mortgages, subject to the laws of the State of Texas governing the issuance and negotiation of bonds by railroad companies; and to authorize said International & Great Northern Railroad Company to construct, own and operate, as part or parts of its line, the unfinished portion or portions of said railroads, or either of them, between the termini as defined in their respective charters, and to construct, own and operate, as part or parts of its line, extension and branches of said railroads, or either of them, under or as authorized in and by the charter of said International & Great Northern Railroad Company, or any amendment thereof made or to be made in pursuance of general laws of the State of Texas; to regulate reports relative to the railroads, franchises and property authorized by this act to be purchased and sold, and the operation thereof; and to prescribe the conditions upon which said purchases and sales shall take effect and be dependent; and to authorize said company and each of them to execute all necessary contracts, agreements and conveyances to accomplish said purchases and sales."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 87, "An Act to authorize the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas to purchase the railroad, as completed or partially completed and in course of construction, of the Granger, Georgetown, Austin & San Antonio Railway Company between Granger, in Williamson county, and Austin, in Travis county, together with the properties, franchises and appurtenances pertaining thereto, and to own, complete and construct the unfinished parts thereof between Granger and Austin, and operate and maintain the same as a part of its line, with the right to extend the same and construct branches therefrom, by amendment of its charter under the general laws of the State of Texas, and vesting said companies, and each of them, with the power to make and execute all necessary contracts and agreements and conveyances to effect such purchase and sale."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 85, "An Act to authorize the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, to purchase or lease the railroad and properties of the

Denison & Washita Valley Railway Company, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, in Grayson county, Texas, together with the franchises and appurtenances pertaining thereto, and to lease or own and operate and maintain the same as a part of its line; and vesting said companies, and each of them, with the power to make and execute all necessary contracts and agreements and conveyances to effect such sale or lease; and also to authorize the Denison & Washita Valley Railway Company to sell or lease all or any part of its railroad and property in the Indian Territory to the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas, or the Texas & Oklahoma Railroad Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Territory of Oklahoma, or either of them."

Approved February 26th.

Senate bill No. 172, "An Act changing and fixing the times of holding the courts in the Third Judicial District of Texas, and providing for a longer term in Henderson county."

Approved February 26th.

Senate bill No. 70, "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of Sutton county; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Approved February 26th.

Senate bill No. 142, "An Act to restore to and confer upon the county court of Orange county the general civil jurisdiction provided for by the Constitution and General Laws of the State of Texas; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of the said county to such change; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Approved March 6th.

Senate bill No. 169, "An Act to amend paragraph 6, of Chapter 4, Section 1, of an act of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of Texas, approved January 22, 1901, entitled 'An Act to regulate the terms and fix the times for holding the district court in the Twenty-third Judicial District of Texas, and to regulate and validate the returns of all writs and processes heretofore and hereafter issued from the district courts of said judicial district, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency,' so as to increase the time for the

terms of the district court of Matagorda county, Texas."

Approved March 6th.

Senate bill No. 134, "An Act to prohibit any corporation or receiver operating a line of railway in whole or in part in the State of Texas, or any officer, agent or representative of such corporations, or receiver, from requiring or permitting any conductor, engineer, fireman, brakeman, train dispatcher, telegraph operator, or any trainman who has worked in his respective capacity for sixteen consecutive hours, except in case of casualty, to again go on duty or perform any work until he has had at least eight hours rest, and prescribing a penalty for the violation of this act."

Approved March 7th.

Senate bill No. 102, "An Act to create the county of Reagan out of the territory of Tom Green county, and to provide for its organization."

Approved March 7th.

Senate bill No. 164, "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Polk county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said court under the Constitution and General Statutes of the State of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change; to fix the time of holding court; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act."

Approved March 7th.

Senate bill No. 16, "An Act to provide for the extension and enlargement of the present iron smelting furnace of the State penitentiary at Rusk, Texas, or to construct and erect a new furnace at said place, authorizing and advising the Penitentiary Board to purchase or otherwise acquire timber or timbered lands and iron ore or lands containing deposits of iron ore, sufficient to supply the charcoal and iron ore necessary to run and operate the iron smelting furnace or furnaces and pipe works situated in said penitentiary to their full capacity, as herein provided, for such time as they may think best for the State's interest; providing for conducting experiments and tests at the State iron smelting furnace in said penitentiary, in the use of lignite or brown coal and fuel oil as fuel in the smelting of iron, prescribing by whom said tests shall be made, and if such tests prove successful, directing the Penitentiary Board and Financial Agent to contract for and provide such quantity of lignite and oil, or either of same, for the use of such smelting furnace and iron manufactories as may be necessary

for their use and consumption thereafter; providing for the appointment of a general manager of the iron industry of the Texas penitentiary, and prescribing his qualifications, powers, duties and compensation, and prescribing certain duties of the Superintendent and Financial Agent of penitentiaries in relation to said iron industry and its general manager, and making an appropriation therefor."

Approved March 7th.

Senate bill No. 61, "An Act to amend Title IX, Chapter 2, Article 173, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Article 173a."

Approved March 13th.

Senate bill No. 33, "An Act to amend Articles 402, 403, 404, 405, 406 and 407, of Chapter 6, Title XI, Penal Code, and add thereto Article 407a, relating to unlawfully selling any intoxicating liquor."

Approved March 16th.

Senate bill No. 24, "An Act to amend Article 1316, Chapter 12, Title XXIX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to charges and instructions to juries."

Approved March 13th.

Senate bill No. 56, "An Act to provide for and regulate the granting of license to practice as attorney and counselor at law in all the courts of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Approved March 19th.

Senate bill No. 89, "An Act to transfer the counties of Bastrop, Burleson, Lee and Washington from the community school system to the district school system, and directing the commissioners courts of the said counties to subdivide them into convenient school districts."

Approved March 19th.

Senate bill No. 184, "An Act to amend Article 386c, Chapter 18, Title I, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, relating to validating certain incorporated cities and towns, and declaring an emergency."

Approved March 23rd.

Senate bill No. 90, "An Act to provide a charter for the city of Marshall, Harrison county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing offices and prescribing their duties and powers; creating a corporation court, and defining its powers and jurisdiction, and declaring an emergency."

Approved March 23rd.

Senate bill No. 141, "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Beaumont; to grant it a special charter, and to fix

its boundaries,' passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature, Chapter 12, of the Special Laws of the said Legislature, approved May 12, 1899, by amending Sections 28 and 36 of said act, and by adding thereto Sections 28a, 28b, 28c, 28d, 28e, 28f, 28g, 36a, 36b, 36c, 36d, 36e, 36f, 36g, 36h, 36i and 36j, defining the jurisdiction and power of the city council with reference to streets, alleys, public grounds and highways; and the duty of said council in letting contracts for works of improvement and public work, in the said city of Beaumont, and by said additional sections defining the jurisdiction of the city council and liability of the citizens of said city with reference to the construction of sidewalks and pavements on the public streets and highways of said city; and providing a general system to secure the construction of sidewalks and pavements on public streets and highways of the said city, and the manner whereby due and proper proceedings may be had in order to fix the liability of property owners in respect to such sidewalks and pavements; and providing a method for the collection of such amounts as may become due the city in this connection; and declaring an emergency."

Approved March 25th.

Senate bill No. 264, "An Act to validate the incorporation of the city of San Augustine, San Augustine county, Texas."

Approved March 26th.

Senate bill No. 235, "An Act to amend Section 1 of an act of the Twenty-first Legislature, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Waco, and to define its boundaries and powers.'"

Approved March 26th.

Senate bill No. 241, "An Act requiring railroad companies to construct sidings and spur tracks, and giving the Railroad Commission power to require construction of same."

Approved March 27th.

Senate bill No. 32, "An Act to amend Article 4095, Title CI, Chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

Approved March 25th.

Senate bill No. 161, "An Act to authorize the Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf Railway Company to purchase, own and operate as part of its line, the railroad of the Chicago, Rock Island & Texas Railway Company, together with all its franchises, property, rights and privileges; the railroad of the Chicago, Rock Island & Mexico Railway Company, together with all its fran-

chises, property, rights and privileges, and the railroad of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Texas Railroad Company, together with all franchises, property, rights and privileges, or either or any of such railroads, with all of its or their franchises, property, rights and privileges of every kind and character; and to authorize the owners of each of said railroads and the franchises, property, rights and privileges of every kind and character, to sell and convey the same; and to authorize said, the Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf Railway Company to issue and negotiate its bonds, secured or to be secured by a mortgage or mortgages, to the amount of the value of the railways, franchises, property, rights and privileges so purchased, and to the amount of the value of any railroad hereafter constructed by it under the provisions of this act, as fixed or as same may be fixed, by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and to regulate the reports of said property, and the operation thereof; and to authorize said, the Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf Railway Company to construct, own and operate, as a part or parts of its line the unfinished portion or portions of said railroads, or either of them, between the termini, as defined in their respective charters; and to construct, own and operate as a part or parts of its line all extensions and branches of said railroads, or either of them, under or as authorized in and by the charter of said, the Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf Railway Company, or any amendment thereof, made or to be made in pursuance of the General Laws of the State of Texas; and to prescribe the conditions upon which said purchase and sales shall take effect and be dependent; and to authorize said companies, and each of them, to execute all necessary contracts, agreements and conveyances to accomplish said purchase and sales."

Approved March 27th.

Senate bill No. 204, "An Act to amend Subdivision 21, of Article 642, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted in 1895, so as to provide that corporations organized for the purpose of constructing or acquiring, with power to maintain and operate, street railways and suburban or belt lines of railway within and near cities and towns which use electric power shall be authorized to supply and sell electric light and power to the public and to municipalities."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 8, "An Act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 24, of the Acts of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, being 'An Act to amend

Section 1, Chapter 128, of an act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and sent to the Governor for his approval on the 20th day of May, A. D. 1899, and entitled "An Act providing a mode by which horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle may be prevented from running at large in the following counties, or in any subdivision of said counties, viz.: Cooke, Bell, Ellis, Montague, Fayette, Johnson, Collin, Rockwall, Lamar, Milam, Denton, Falls, Navarro, Fannin, Hunt, Tarrant, Grayson, Guadalupe, Dallas, Austin and Brazos, so as to place Lavaca, Colorado, Washington, Williamson, Smith and Delta counties under the provisions of said chapter," so as to place McLennan, San Patricio, Limestone, Coryell, Kaufman, Rains, Bastrop, Bee, Camp, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cass, Comanche, Erath, Hill, Harrison, Hopkins, Jackson, Bosque, Montgomery, Morris, Upshur, Parker, Rusk, Red River, Titus, Trinity, Victoria, Van Zandt, Wise, Walker, Wood, Wilson, Comal, Nueces, Bexar, Eastland, Cherokee and Travis counties under the provisions of said chapter,' and to provide for the holding of an election for the purpose of enabling the freeholders of such counties or subdivisions thereof as may have adopted said law to repeal same."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 6, "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Henderson county, Texas."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 266, "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Waco, and to define its boundaries and powers,' approved February 19, 1889, by adding thereto a section to be known and numbered as Section 21b, and to authorize the maintenance by said city of free public libraries."

Approved March 30th.

Senate bill No. 180, "An Act to authorize the St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas Railway Company to purchase, own and operate, as a part of its line, the railroad of the Red River, Texas & Southern Railway Company, together with all its franchises, property, rights and privileges; the railroad of the Fort Worth & Rio Grande Railway Company, together with all its franchises, property, rights and privileges; the railroad of the Paris & Great Northern Railroad Company, together with all its franchises, property, rights and privileges; the railroad of the Blackwell, Enid & Texas Railway Company, together with all its franchises, property, rights and privileges, and the railroad of the Oklahoma City & Texas Railroad

Company, together with all its franchises, property, rights and privileges; or either or any of such railroads, with all of its or their franchises, property, rights and privileges of every kind and character; and to authorize said companies and each or any of them to sell and convey all of its or their said railroads constructed or to be constructed, and all other properties, rights, franchises and privileges; and to authorize said St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas Railway Company to issue and negotiate its bonds, secured or to be secured by mortgage or mortgages to the amount of the value of the railroads, franchises, property, rights and privileges so purchased, and to the amount of the value of any railroad hereafter constructed by it under the provisions of this act, as fixed, or as the same may be fixed, by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and to regulate the reports of said property, and the operation thereof, and to authorize said St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas Railway Company to construct, own and operate, as a part or parts of its lines, the unfinished portion or portions of said railroads or either or any of them between the termini as defined in their respective charters; and to construct, own and operate, as a part or parts of its line all extensions and branches of said railroads or either or any of them under or as authorized in and by the charter of said St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas Railway Company or any amendment thereof, made or to be made in pursuance of the General Laws of the State of Texas; and to prescribe the conditions upon which said purchase and sale shall take effect and be dependent; and to authorize said companies, and each of them, to execute all necessary contracts, agreements and conveyances to accomplish said purchases and sales."

Approved March 30th.

Senate bill No. 181, "An Act to authorize the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase the railroads and all other property of the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company, and of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, now owned and hereafter acquired, and to operate the same under the charter of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company as part of its own line, with the right to extend the said roads, or either of them, and to construct branches therefrom by amendment of its charter under the general laws of the State of Texas; and to authorize the corporation or corporations, person or persons, now or hereafter owning the said properties, to sell the same to the Gulf, Colorado & Santa

Fe Railway Company, and until such purchase is made to authorize the lease by the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company of the railroads and other properties of said two other companies."

Approved March 30th.

Senate bill No. 191, "An Act to require the county clerk, district clerk and other officers of Washington county, Texas, who have possession of the deed records, probate records, district court records or other records of that portion of Liberty county, formerly known as the northern division of Liberty county, to deliver said records to the county judge of Polk county, and to provide for the validity of said records when so filed."

Approved March 30th.

Senate bill No. 305, "An Act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Galveston and to grant it a new charter and to repeal all pre-existing charters, approved April 18, 1901, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Approved March 30th.

Senate bill No. 18, "An Act to render more effective and efficient the present road law of the State of Texas in its application and operation in the county of Wilbarger."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 317, "An Act to amend Sections 8, 12, 120, 141, 145 and 170, of the charter of the city of Dallas, as the same exists by virtue of an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Dallas, and to grant it a new charter,' approved May 9, 1899, and an act amendatory thereto, entitled 'An Act to amend Sections 12, 56, 77, 119 and 120 of an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Dallas, and to grant it a new charter,' approved May 9, 1899,' said section relating to voting precincts, eligibility to office, collection of taxes, the appropriation of revenue and the issuance of bonds by the said city, to the board of appeals of the said city and its duties, and to the responsibility of the city for damages."

Approved March 30th.

Senate bill No. 304, "An Act to name the several counties composing the Fifty-first Judicial District, and to fix the times for holding the district courts therein, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Approved March 30th.

Senate bill No. 316, "An Act to amend Section 2 of the charter of the city of Dallas, relative to the boundary lines of said city, and adding thereto Section 2a, changing said boundary and limits of the said city of Dallas, thereby including and

attaching to said city of Dallas the corporation and city of Oak Cliff and certain other adjacent territory, and abolishing the corporation of the city of Oak Cliff, and declaring an emergency."

Approved April 3rd.

Senate bill No. 155, "An Act to confer jurisdiction upon the district court of Travis county in cases brought by the State for the purpose of forfeiting charters of private corporations organized under the laws of this State, and canceling permits authorizing foreign corporations to transact business in this State, and for the purpose of restricting corporations from exercising powers now conferred upon them by the laws of this State, and for the purpose of preventing persons from engaging in business in the State of Texas contrary to the laws thereof."

Approved March 31st.

Senate bill No. 215, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Lime-stone county, Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex-officio road supervisors, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road supervisors, and defining the powers and duties of the commissioners court of said county, and authorizing the issuance of bonds for road and bridge purposes, and providing for the levy of road and bridge tax, and fixing a penalty for the violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 300, "An Act validating and creating the Arlington Independent School District in Tarrant county, Texas, and validating the election of trustees in said independent school district; prescribing the rights, powers and duties of said school district and said trustees, and providing an emergency."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 182, "An Act to authorize the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company to purchase the railroad and all other property of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, now owned and hereafter acquired, and to operate the same under the charter of the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company as part of its own line, with the right to extend the said road, and to construct branches therefrom by amendment of its charter under the general laws of the State of Texas; and to authorize the corporation or corporations, person or persons, now or hereafter owning the said property, to sell the same to the Gulf, Beaumont &

Kansas City Railway Company, and until such purchase is made to authorize the lease by the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company of the railroad and other properties of said other company."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 297, "An Act to change and prescribe the time of holding district court in the Thirty-first Judicial District of Texas."

Approved March 31st.

Senate bill No. 72, "An Act to amend Chapter 11, Title XVIII, Revised Statutes, relating to towns and villages, by adding thereto Article 580a, providing for the extension of territorial limits and boundaries, and limiting the area as provided for in Article 386a, Chapter 1, Title XVIII, Revised Statutes."

Approved March 31st.

Senate bill No. 223, "An Act to extend the time in which railroad companies heretofore authorized to purchase or sell their lines of railroad, franchises, etc., since April 1, 1901, but requiring such railroad companies, as a condition precedent to such sale or conveyance, to construct additional mileage, may comply with the terms of said requirements, and providing that it shall be a sufficient compliance with the terms of said act or acts if such railroad company or companies construct or cause to be constructed the additional mileage heretofore required within two years after the passage of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 81, "An Act to prescribe the fees to be paid to county clerks, sheriffs, county attorneys and jurors in judicial proceedings in cases of lunacy; to prescribe who shall pay the same, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Approved March 31st.

Senate bill No. 66, "An Act to amend Article 812 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to removal of county seats, and the manner of calling for the removal of county seats."

Approved March 31st.

Senate bill No. 28, "An Act to amend Article 483a, of Chapter 4, Title XVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, relating to the power of city councils of a town or city having less than three thousand inhabitants to dispense with the office of city marshal."

Approved March 31st.

Senate bill No. 126, "An Act to amend Section 13, of Chapter 107, page 182, of

the General Laws of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, approved May 12, 1899, which is entitled 'An Act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows, under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor.'"

Approved March 31st.

Senate bill No. 57, "An Act to further provide for the creation of school districts, the appointment of trustees therein, and the apportionment of funds thereto, and declaring an emergency."

Approved March 31st.

Senate bill No. 27, "An Act to prescribe a punishment for sheriffs who shall appoint more deputies than are provided for by law."

Approved April 2nd.

Senate bill No. 170, "An Act to authorize the First Office Assistant Attorney General to discharge the duties that are devolved by law upon the Attorney General in the absence or inability to act of the Attorney General."

Approved March 31st.

Senate bill No. 257, "An Act to amend Article 956 of the Revised Statutes, authorizing the appointment of deputies by the clerk of the Supreme Court, and providing for their compensation."

Approved March 31st.

Senate bill No. 63, "An Act to amend Article 804, Chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes of 1895, fixing a punishment for persons who shall enter upon the enclosed lands of another without the consent of the owner, proprietor or person in charge, and therein hunt with firearms, or therein catch or take any fish from any pond, lake, tank or stream."

Approved April 2nd.

Senate bill No. 210, "An Act to incorporate the city of San Antonio, and to repeal an act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, approved August 13, 1870, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of San Antonio and grant a new charter to said city,' and to repeal an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of San Antonio,' approved July 17, 1856, and an act entitled 'An Act to amend the act to incorporate the city of San Antonio,' approved February 11, 1860, and also to repeal all acts amendatory of said act, approved August 13, 1870, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 240, "An Act to amend Article 3503, Title LXXIII, of Chapter

3, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, in relation to the appointment of notaries public in unorganized counties."

Approved April 1st.

Senate bill No. 165, "An Act to provide for the organization of the militia and the Texas National Guard, to prescribe the duties of the Governor as commander-in-chief, and of other officers, and of the enlisted men thereof, to prescribe rules and regulations for the government thereof and for calling the same into actual service when necessary, and to provide for the payment thereof, and to authorize the Governor to prescribe and publish further rules and regulations, to define offenses by officers and enlisted men, to prescribe penalties for such offenses and for violation of such rules and regulations, and to provide for the trial and punishment of such offenders, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 131, "An Act authorizing the sale of certain portions of the public free school, university and asylum lands."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 239, "An Act making appropriations for deficiencies in the appropriations heretofore made for the support of the State government from March 1, 1900, to August 31, 1903, being for claims registered in the Comptroller's office in accordance with law, and for outstanding claims not registered and for other deficiencies, and to make additional appropriations for the support of the State government for year ending August 31, 1903."

Approved April 1st, except as to payment of Warren Moore \$300 for commissions.

Senate bill No. 12, "An Act to amend Article 605, Title XV, Chapter 3, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, 1895, relating to assaults to commit some other offenses, by fixing the punishment for assault with intent to commit murder, and repealing all laws in conflict therewith."

Approved April 2nd.

Senate bill No. 101, "An Act to amend Article 1132, Title XV, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to fees to be allowed county and district attorneys."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 303, "An Act to prohibit the purchase of property belonging to the State, by officers and employes of the penitentiary; making it unlawful for

such officers and employes to appropriate or use State property, or the labor of State convicts for their private use or benefit; or to accept or to receive wages or pay from hirers or employers of convicts; and making it unlawful for such hirers or employers of State convicts to pay or offer, or promise to pay anything of value to any such officer or employer having charge of such convicts; prescribing penalties for the violation of this act, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith."

Approved April 2nd.

Senate bill No. 154, "An Act to amend Article 63, Chapter 1, Title II, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of Texas, relating to the jurisdiction of courts, providing that courts first obtaining jurisdiction retain same to the exclusion of all other courts."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 308, "An Act to amend Section 3, Article 1092, Title XV, Chapter 2, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, so as to provide that when the sheriff or constable be required to remove a prisoner to or from another county before indictment, and the prisoner is afterwards indicted for a felony on the same charge, the sheriff or constable shall be entitled to the same fees as though the removal was made after the indictment."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 274, "An Act to amend Subdivision 37, of Article 642, of Chapter 10, of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to amend Articles 641 and 642, Chapter 2, Title XXI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to corporations.'"

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 231, "An Act amending Chapter 15, of Title LXXXVI, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1895, by amending Article 3995, authorizing trustees of towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes only to issue bonds, payable at a date not exceeding forty years from their date, for the purpose of purchasing or constructing public free school buildings and sites therefor, and by adding to said chapter Article 3995a, providing for the investment of the sinking funds of such towns and villages; and by adding to said chapter Article 3995b, providing for the refunding of bonds legally issued by such towns and villages, and authorizing the State Treasurer, upon the order of the Board of Education, to exchange bonds not matured held by him for the permanent school fund for new refunding bonds issued by the

same incorporation under the provisions of this act."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 321, "An Act to amend Articles 3973d and 3978, of Title LXXXVI, Chapter 13, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, and also Article 3974 of said title and chapter, as amended by an act of the Twenty-sixth Legislature and approved June 6, 1899, relating to dates of teachers' examinations and to time validity of teachers' certificates, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 53, "An Act to amend Articles 128 and 129, Chapter 1, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the apprehension of lunatics, and authorizing the county judge to fix the place of trial at the residence of the lunatic."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 147, "An Act to protect the public grounds of the State of Texas."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 203, "An Act to provide for a mineral survey of the lands belonging to the public schools, university, asylum or of the State, and other mineral lands within the State, and to make an appropriation therefor and to provide a penalty for unlawfully disclosing information obtained by such survey, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 69, "An Act to provide for the incorporation of mutual fire, storm and lightning insurance companies, and defining their powers and duties, and applying the provisions of this act to mutual insurance companies heretofore organized under the laws of this State, and providing penalties for the violation of this act."

Approved April 3rd.

Senate bill No. 256, "An Act to authorize the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas to purchase the railroads and all other property of the Pecos & Northern Texas Railway Company, and of the Pecos River Railway Company, now owned, and hereafter acquired, and to operate the same under the charter of the Southern Kansas Railway Company, as part of its own line, with the right to extend the said roads, or either of them, and to construct branches therefrom, by amendment of its charter under the general laws of the State of Texas; and to authorize the corporation or corporations, person or persons, now or hereafter own-

ing the said properties, to sell the same to the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, and until such purchase is made to authorize the lease by the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas of the railroads and other properties of said two other companies."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 236, "An Act to authorize the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas to purchase the railroads and all other property of the Pecos & Northern Texas Railway Company, and of the Pecos River Railway Company, now owned, and hereafter acquired, and to operate the same under the charter of the Southern Kansas Railway Company, as part of its own line, with the right to extend the said roads, or either of them, and to construct branches therefrom, by amendment of its charter under the general laws of the State of Texas; and to authorize the corporation or corporations, person or persons, now or hereafter owning the said properties, to sell the same to the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, and until such purchase is made to authorize the lease by the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas of the railroads and other properties of said two other companies."

Without approval.

Substitute Senate bill No. 252, "An Act to incorporate the city of Corsicana, in Navarro county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for its government and the management of its affairs."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 95, "An Act requiring the disinfecting of public buildings, railway coaches and sleeping cars, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Approved April 6th.

Senate bill No. 168, "An Act to carry into effect Section 32, of Article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, in relation to a State Board of Health and Vital Statistics; to change the name of the Quarantine Department to the Department of Public Health and Vital Statistics, and to create and establish a State Bureau of Vital Statistics within said department, and to provide for the record and preservation of its vital statistics, etc."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 171, "An Act to prohibit any corporation or receiver operating a line of electric street railway in the State of Texas, from operating electric cars upon such lines during the

months of November, December, January, February and March of each year unless the forward end of such car is equipped with a screen or vestibule to protect the motorman or other person directing the motive power by which such car is operated, from wind and storm, and prescribing a penalty for the violation of this act."

Approved April 3rd.

Senate bill No. 302, "An Act further regulating the amendment of charters of corporations, incorporated for the purpose of constructing, owning, operating and maintaining railroads, and to provide for the location, construction, operation and maintenance of additional lines or tracks of railroad necessary to shorten the route or reduce the grades of the tracks of the lines of such companies under and by virtue of such amendments, and regulating the issuance of stocks and bonds to pay for the construction of such lines or tracks of railroad; and to prohibit the attachment of liens theretofore existing upon the property of such additional lines or tracks and to provide the manner and means of accomplishing such purposes."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 289, "An Act making it unlawful for any fire, fire and marine, marine, tornado, rent, accident, casualty, liability, health, elevator, disability, plate glass, steam boiler, burglary, bonding, title, surety or fidelity insurance company, which is legally licensed to transact business in this State, to place any contract or policy of insurance on any property or persons in this State, except through legally authorized and licensed agents, resident in this State; to prohibit said resident agents so licensed from paying commissions or brokerage on business written to non-residents of the State of Texas not so licensed; to further prescribe conditions to be complied with by said insurance company before authorizing it to transact business in this State; to empower the Commissioner of Insurance to investigate violations of these requirements, and to provide penalties for enforcing the provisions of this act, and to increase the public revenue and to repeal Chapter 135, of the General Laws of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 197, "An Act to authorize the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas to purchase, own and operate, as a part of its line, the railroad of the Texas & Louisiana Railroad Company, together with all the franchises and property incident or appertaining thereto; and to authorize the

Texas & Louisiana Railroad Company to sell its said railroad, together with the franchises and property incident or appertaining thereto to the said St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas; and to authorize said St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas to issue and negotiate its bonds or bonds secured or to be secured by mortgage or mortgages, subject to the provisions of this act, and of the laws of the State of Texas governing the issuance and negotiation of bonds by railroad companies; and to authorize said St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company to construct, own and operate, as part of its line, the unfinished portion of the railroad of said Texas & Louisiana Railroad Company between the termini of the latter company as defined in its charter and amendments thereto, and to construct, own and operate, as a part of its line, extensions and branches thereof under or as may be authorized by the charter of said St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas, or any amendment thereof made or to be made in pursuance of the general laws of the State of Texas; to regulate reports of the property to be purchased from said Texas & Louisiana Railroad Company, and the operation thereof; and to prescribe the conditions upon which said purchase and sale shall take effect and be dependent; and to authorize said companies to execute all necessary contracts, agreements and conveyances to accomplish said purchase and sale."

Approved April 10th.

Senate bill No. 201, "An Act to quiet titles to land located and surveyed by virtue of valid alternate land certificates, originally granted by the State of Texas to railway companies and to other corporations engaged in the work of internal improvements."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 76, "An Act to establish a State Board of Embalming; defining the duties thereof; to provide for the better protection of health and life; to prevent the spread of contagious diseases; to regulate the practice of embalming in connection with the care and disposition of the dead; to provide penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

Senate bill No. 21, "An Act to exterminate prairie dogs in Texas by allowing citizens in counties or subdivisions thereof to vote upon the question of such extermination; providing means of extermination, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

HOUSE BILLS.

Substitute House bill No. 28, "An Act to reorganize the Fifteenth and Fortieth Judicial Districts of Texas, and to create the Fifty-ninth Judicial District of Texas; to name the counties composing each of said districts; to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the district court in each of said districts; to provide for the extension and return of process issued out of the said court; empowering the judge of the Fifteenth Judicial District to empanel the grand jury for Grayson county, and giving authority to the judges of either the Fifteenth or Fifty-ninth Judicial District in Grayson county to transfer cases from their respective courts to the other of said courts; and to validate all writs, process and bonds, civil and criminal, issued or executed up to the time this act takes effect by or from the district courts of the several counties named in this act, and to provide for the appointment of a district judge for the Fifty-ninth Judicial District, and declaring an emergency."

Approved January 28th.

Substitute House bill No. 11, "An Act to amend Article 3973d, 3974 and 3978, of Title LXXXVI, Chapter 13, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895."

Approved March 19th.

House bill No. 145, "An Act to provide for the extension of time for the payment of State and county ad valorem and poll taxes for the year 1902-1903 in Nacogdoches, Burleson, Brazos, Washington, Burnet, Colorado and Zapata counties; providing for an extension for the penalty of 10 per cent. on such taxes to attach on the first of March, 1903."

Approved January 29th.

House bill No. 27, "An Act to extend relief to and release the State and county taxes due by certain citizens of the town of Goliad, in Goliad county, Texas, who suffered damages in the cyclone of the 18th day of May, 1892, and to declare an emergency."

Approved January 30th.

House bill No. 8, "An Act to aid the city of Galveston in elevating and raising said city so as to protect it from calamitous overflows, by donating and granting to it the State ad valorem taxes and a part of the occupation and poll taxes, collected in property and from persons in Galveston county for a period of fifteen years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication."

Approved February 3rd.

House bill No. 82, "An Act making an appropriation to pay for publishing the constitutional amendment proposed by the Twenty-seventh Legislature."

Without approval.

House bill No. 2, "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of Zapata county, and to declare an emergency."

Approved February 12th.

House bill No. 23, "An Act to increase the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Karnes county."

Without approval.

House bill No. 109, "An Act to amend Chapter 170 of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature entitled 'An Act to create a judicial district in Harris county, additional to the Eleventh District therein, to be the Sixty-first Judicial District; to establish a court and provide a judge and clerk of said new district, and to regulate the venue of the courts of said respective districts and the disposition of the business therein and define the jurisdiction and boundaries and terms thereof,' so as to create an additional district court in Harris county, to be known as the Sixty-first Judicial District, and to provide for the organization thereof, and to regulate the conduct and disposition of business therein and to provide for filling a vacancy in the office of clerk of said courts."

Approved February 16th.

House bill No. 205, "An Act to create the Fifty-second Judicial District of the State of Texas, composed of the counties of Coryell, Hamilton and Comanche."

Approved February 16th.

House bill No. 247, "An Act to amend Article 1525, Revised Statutes, fixing the several terms of the criminal district court of Galveston and Harris counties."

Without approval.

House bill No. 16, "An Act to fix the time for holding court in the counties of the Twenty-second Judicial District, and the terms of court therein, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith."

Without approval.

House bill No. 118, "An Act to create a special road law for Lamar county; and providing for levying and collecting a road tax; authorizing the commissioners court of said county to employ road superintendents and laborers on the public roads thereof; also to work convicts in opening, laying out and repairing said roads; giving the commissioners court the power to establish, change, improve or discontinue public roads; and to purchase and use all necessary teams

and implements for that purpose; and giving to said court the power to condemn land for establishing, widening, draining and otherwise improving the public roads, and to cause obstructions to be removed therefrom; making each commissioner of said county a road supervisor in his precinct, and providing his duties; fixing the compensation for county commissioners for road service, and providing for the general supervision by the commissioners court of all public roads in said county."

Without approval.

House bill No. 6, "An Act authorizing corporations incorporated as local suburban railways, under Title XCIV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, of which the Railroad Commission have heretofore or shall hereafter decide they have not control in reference to the issuance of stock and bonds, or either, to issue, or increase their stock and bonds, or either, without complying with the provisions of Chapter 50 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1893, being Chapter 14, Title XCIV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas."

Without approval.

House bill No. 30, "An Act to prescribe the time within which statements of fact and bills of exception may be filed in causes tried in the district and county courts of Texas, and to authorize judges whose terms of office have expired to approve the same."

Approved February 28th.

House bill No. 97, "An Act to transfer Red River county from the community school system to the district school system, and to authorize and empower said county to organize and conduct all its public free schools under the district school system as provided by law now in force."

Approved February 28th.

House bill No. 102, "An Act to aid Brazoria county, Texas, by supplementing the road and bridge fund by donating and granting to it the State ad valorem and three-fourths of the occupation taxes collected upon property and from persons in said county for a period of two years, and providing for a proper transfer to said fund."

Without approval.

House bill No. 130, "An Act making appropriations for deficiencies in the appropriations heretofore made for the support of the State government from March 1, 1900, to August 31, 1903, being for claims registered in the Comptroller's office in accordance with law and for outstanding claims not registered, and for other deficiencies; and to make addi-

tional appropriations for the support of the State government for the year ending March 31, 1903."

Approved March 5th.

House bill No. 14, "An Act providing for the extension of the corporate limits of any town or village incorporated for free school purposes only."

Approved March 5th.

House bill No. 62, "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of San Saba county, Texas, the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to the said court under the Constitution and general laws of the State, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

Approved March 10th.

House bill No. 41, "An Act to transfer Cass county from the community to the district school system."

Approved March 10th.

House bill No. 222, "An Act to amend an act passed by the Twenty-seventh Legislature of Texas, entitled 'An Act to provide for the holding of two additional terms of the district court in Smith county, and to prescribe the time for holding the same'; also to amend Section 7, Article 22, Title IV of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, changing the time of holding the district court in Smith, Van Zandt, Wood and Upshur counties, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Approved March 12th.

Substitute House bill No. 38, "An Act to regulate the employment of children in factories, mills, mines, breweries, manufacturing establishments, and other establishments using machinery, and to provide penalties for the violation of same."

Approved March 6th.

House bill No. 297, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Eastland county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers and defining their duties, and for working of county convicts upon the roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees, and rewards for capture of escaped convicts, and authorizing the working of county convicts partly upon the county convict farm as well as upon the public roads, or partly upon both on the discretion of the commissioners court, and making

provisions applicable as far as practicable to convicts when worked on county farms, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for the allowance of time for same, and fixing a penalty for the violation of this act, and repeal laws in conflict with this act as to Eastland county, and to authorize the commissioners court of Eastland county to create the office of superintendent of public roads and highways of Eastland county, and to provide for the election of said superintendent, and defining his duties, and providing for compensation for said superintendent when elected or appointed, and prescribing bond to be given by said officer; providing for the condemnation of any land needed for the widening, straightening, changing or draining of roads; providing for the taking of timber, gravel, earth, stone or other necessary material for the improvement of roads and giving persons summoned to work upon roads the right to be relieved from the discharge of such duty upon the payment of specific sums of money herein stipulated; providing for the collection of such sums of money by road overseers, prescribing a penalty for failure to comply with this act, and to authorize said county to issue bonds for the construction and maintenance of roads, highways, and purchase and construction of bridges within said Eastland county; and providing, that the commissioners court of said county shall not be compelled to require persons subject to road duty to work on roads, but said court shall have authority to cause said roads to be worked wholly by taxation, or by taxation in connection with road service as said court may deem best."

Without approval.

House bill No. 317, "An Act to amend the special road law of Van Zandt county, Texas, as enacted by the Twenty-seventh Legislature, and sent to the Governor for his approval on the 8th day of April, 1901, and to authorize and empower the commissioners court of said county to issue bonds for the permanent improvement of the public roads of said county."

Without approval.

House bill No. 127, "An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the First Called Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, amending Section 3, Chapter 75, Laws of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, being the Grayson county road law."

Without approval.

House bill No. 425, "An Act to amend

Sections 30, 35 and 40, of Chapter 49, of the Acts of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, creating a more efficient road system for Fayette, Uvalde and Frio counties."

Without approval.

House bill No. 400, "An Act to amend Chapter 114 of the Acts of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, approved April 18, 1901, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for the counties in this State, and making county commissioners ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their powers and duties as such, and providing for their compensation as such road commissioners; and providing for the condemnation of material for the construction and maintenance of public roads, and to provide for the compensation for the material used; and providing for the working of county convicts on the public roads and the purchase of supplies for such convicts, and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts and for the commutation of sentence for faithful service and good behavior; and defining the powers and duties of road overseers, and to provide for the summoning of hands and teams for road work and the allowance of time for services of hands and teams on public roads; and fixing a penalty for violation of same and relieving them from the payment of such work by the payment of three dollars; and providing further, making this act cumulative of the general laws now in force; and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, so as to place Collin county within the provisions of said act, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

House bill No. 283, "An Act to amend Article 1222, page 274, Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to service of citation in suits against incorporated companies and joint stock companies."

Approved March 21st.

House bill No. 178, "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Hartley county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to the said court under the Constitution and the general laws of the State, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change, and to repeal all laws in conflict with the act."

Approved March 21st.

House bill No. 154, "An Act to amend Sections 5, 6 and 13, of an act passed by the Twenty-seventh Legislature, creating a special road system for Coryell county, and to repeal Section 8 of said act."

Without approval.

House bill No. 345, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Matagorda county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as such road commissioners; and providing for the working of county convicts upon the public roads of said county; and providing for the amount of compensation in road time to be allowed by overseers to road hands for teams and road work; and providing for the condemnation of land for public road purposes; and providing for the working of delinquent poll tax payers on the public roads, and relieving road hands from the performance of road work by the payment of the sum of three dollars; and providing for elections for the issuance for bonds for public road and bridge purposes, and providing for the issuance and sale of such bonds by the commissioners court of said county; and providing further, making this law cumulative of the general laws, and in case of a conflict this act to govern as to Matagorda county, Texas, and creating an emergency."

Without approval.

House bill No. 499, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Hopkins county."

Without approval.

House bill No. 462, "An Act to render more effective and efficient the present road law of the State of Texas, in its application and operation in the county of Nueces."

Without approval.

House bill No. 196, "An Act to prohibit the buying and selling of pools or receiving or making bets on horse racing; to prohibit leasing the premises for pool rooms, and to provide a penalty for its violation."

Approved March 23rd.

House bill No. 63, "An Act to prohibit the sale or gift of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication to habitual drunkards; and providing a penalty therefor."

Approved March 23rd.

House bill No. 381, "An Act to create the Sixty-second Judicial District of Texas; to name the counties composing said district; to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the district court in said district; empowering the judge of the Sixth Judicial District to empanel the grand jury for Lamar county, and empowering the judge of the Eighth Judicial District to empanel the grand jury for Hunt and Delta counties, and

giving authority to the judges of either the Sixth or Sixty-second Judicial Districts in the county of Lamar to transfer cases from their respective courts to the other of said courts, and giving authority to the judges of either the Eighth or Sixty-second Judicial Districts in the counties of Hunt and Delta to transfer cases from their respective courts in each of said counties to the other of said courts; and to provide for the appointment of a district judge for the Sixty-second Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Approved March 24th.

House bill No. 406, "An Act to create the Sixty-third Judicial District of the State of Texas, to be composed of the counties of Jeff Davis, Presidio, Brewster, Pecos, Val Verde, Kinney and Maverick; and to prescribe the time of holding terms of the district court in said district, and to transfer the district attorney of the Forty-second Judicial District to said new district, and to provide for the appointment of a time of holding court therein; to provide for a district attorney for said Forty-first and Thirty-fourth Judicial Districts; to provide for a clerk of the district court of the Forty-first Judicial District, and to empower the district court of the Thirty-fourth Judicial District to empanel a grand jury for El Paso county, and giving authority to the judges of either of said two courts in El Paso county to transfer cases from their respective courts to the other said courts; to validate all writs and other process heretofore issued out of the district court of said Forty-first and Thirty-fourth Judicial Districts, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Approved March 24th, and takes effect August 1, 1903.

House bill No. 157, "An Act providing for the appointment of official stenographers for district courts by the judges thereof, in all districts composed of only one county, or a portion of one county; prescribing their duties, and providing for their compensation; and providing that this act may become applicable to all other district courts in the State."

Without approval.

House bill No. 255, "An Act to confirm sales and awards of public school and asylum lands sold prior to the adoption of the Act approved April 19, 1901, and since the creation of the Act of 1887; to quiet titles to the same, and to provide for the issuance of patents thereto."

Without approval.

House bill No. 142, "An Act to extend the time of payment of the State and

county taxes for the year 1902, in the counties of Milam, Caldwell and Colorado, until October 1, 1903."

Without approval.

House bill No. 413, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Fort Bend county, Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as such road commissioners; and providing for the working of county convicts upon public roads of said county, and providing a penalty for the escape of convicts; and providing the amount of compensation in road time to be allowed by overseers to road hands for teams and road purposes; and providing for the working of delinquent poll tax payers on the public roads, and relieving road hands from the performance of road work by the payment of the sum of three (\$3) dollars; and providing for the levying and collection of a special road tax of fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation on property in Fort Bend county, and providing further, making this law cumulative of the general laws, and in case of conflict this act to govern as to Fort Bend county, Texas, and creating an emergency."

Without approval.

House bill No. 382, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Palo Pinto and Bosque counties, in this State, and making the county commissioners of said counties ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as such road commissioners; and providing for the condemnation of material for the construction and maintenance of public roads, and to provide for the compensation of the material used, and providing for the working of county convicts on the public roads, and the purchase of supplies for such convicts, and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts and for commutation of sentence for faithful service and good behavior; and defining the powers and duties of road overseers; and to provide for the summoning of hands and teams for road work, and the allowance for time for service of hands and teams on public roads, and fixing a penalty for the violation of same, and relieving them from the payment of such work by the payment of three dollars, and providing further for ordering an election to be held in said county by the qualified property tax-paying voters to determine whether or not an additional annual ad valorem tax for road and bridge purposes shall be levied and collected in said counties;

making this act cumulative of the general laws now in force, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

House bill No. 446, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Panola county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties; and for the working of county convicts upon the roads of said county; and providing for the working of insolvent poll tax payers upon the roads of said county; and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for allowance of time for road service of same, and fixing penalties for violations of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act as to Panola county."

Without approval.

House bill No. 470, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Burnet county."

Without approval.

House bill No. 560, "An Act to create a more efficient road system in the counties of Guadalupe, Caldwell, Comal, Hays, Gonzales and Colorado."

Without approval.

House bill No. 233, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Shelby county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers," etc.

Without approval.

House bill No. 251, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Harrison county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such," etc.

Without approval.

House bill No. 439, "An Act to authorize the commissioners court of Dallas county, Texas, to subdivide and re-district Dallas county into convenient school districts, and to designate same by numbers, and to correct all errors in school district lines, and to complete said lines when they are defective in those school districts now having a special school tax, and providing that said tax shall not be affected thereby, and to provide for changes in school district lines, and the transfer of patrons from one school district to any adjoining district,

and for the formation of new districts, and the consolidation of districts."

Without approval.

House bill No. 244, "An Act to render more effective and efficient the present road laws of the State of Texas in their application and operation in the county of Jack, and to authorize and empower the said county of Jack to issue bonds for the construction and maintenance of public roads and highways in the said county."

Without approval.

House bill No. 315, "An Act to amend Section 7, Chapter 80, of Acts passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature at its Regular Session of 1899, and entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wharton and Lavaca counties, in the State of Texas; and making county commissioners of said counties ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners; defining their powers and duties as such; and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and prescribing their duties; and for the working of county convicts on the public roads of such counties; and providing for the payment of officers' fees and rewards and penalties for said convicts; and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance for time of road service for the same; and fixing penalties for the violation of this act,' so as to exempt Lavaca county from the provisions of said section."

Without approval.

House bill No. 331, "An Act to prohibit any corporation not created under the laws of the State of Texas from constructing, building, operating or maintaining a railroad within the State of Texas."

Approved March 26th.

House bill No. 355, "An Act to increase the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Bee county, and to declare an emergency."

Approved March 26th.

House bill No. 434, "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of Kimble county, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith."

Approved March 26th.

House bill No. 15, "An Act to prevent coercion or blacklisting of any employe or laborer, and to provide a penalty for the violation of the same."

Approved March 26th.

House bill No. 262, "An Act to organ-

ize the Sixth Judicial District, and fix the times for holding the terms of court therein, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

Approved March 26th.

House bill No. 444, "An Act to amend Section 3 of an act entitled 'An Act to reorganize the Thirty-second Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to designate the counties which compose the same; to prescribe the time for holding the district courts therein; to validate all processes and writs and bonds issued or executed prior to the taking effect of this act, and returnable to the terms of the said court as heretofore fixed by law, and to make same returnable to the terms of the said court as fixed in this act, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith.'"

Without approval.

House bill No. 94, "An Act to amend Title LVIII, Revised Civil Statutes, relating to the subject of insurance, by adding thereto Chapter 5, embracing Articles 3096aa, 3096bb, 3096cc, 3096dd, 3096ee and 3096eee, providing that no insurance contract shall be held void because of immaterial misrepresentations made in the application therefor, or in the contract of insurance; and providing conditions upon which a defense may be made upon the ground of misrepresentation in the application, or in the contract, or in proof of death or loss, and making such contracts subject to the laws of this State, and prescribing conditions upon which foreign insurance corporations shall be permitted to do business in this State."

Without approval.

House bill No. 442, "An Act to regulate the terms and fix the times for holding the district court in the Thirtieth Judicial District of Texas, composed of the counties of Archer, Clay, Young and Wichita, so as to change the terms in each of said counties."

Without approval.

Substitute House bill No. 10, "An Act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 111, of an act passed by the Twenty-seventh Legislature, in Regular Session, same being an act to amend Section 4, of Chapter 7, of an act passed by the First Called Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, to provide a uniform method of selecting trustees in independent school districts, so as to provide for assessing and collecting of taxes in independent school districts."

Without approval.

House bill No. 392, "An Act to provide a charter for the city of Houston, Harris county, Texas; repealing all laws

or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

House bill No. 22, "An Act to amend Article 2366 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, and to repeal Article 2367 of said statute fixing the manner of advertising sales of real estate and under execution, etc."

Without approval.

House bill No. 554, "An Act to amend Sections 71, 94, 95 and 96 of an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Austin, to grant it a new charter and to fix its boundaries,' passed in the House of Representatives on the twenty-eighth day of March, 1901, in the Senate on the fourth day of April, 1901, and approved by the Governor on the eighteenth day of April, 1901, so as to provide a method for the election of a city treasurer for the city of Austin by the city council of said city, to define his duties, to fix his salary, to otherwise regulate the filling of said office and its administration and to repeal all existing charter provisions of said city which conflict or are inconsistent with the provisions of this act."

Approved March 31st.

House bill No. 526, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Nacogdoches county."

Without approval.

House bill No. 457, "An Act to define, prohibit and declare illegal, trusts, monopolies and conspiracies in restraint of trade, and to prescribe penalties for forming or being connected with such trusts, monopolies or conspiracies, and to provide for the suppression of the same, and to promote free competition in the State of Texas; and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith."

Approved March 31st.

House bill No. 456, "An Act to amend an act of the Twenty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, incorporating the city of Paris, Texas, approved March 27, 1889, and specially amending Sections 31 and 33 of said act."

Without approval.

House bill No. 475, "An Act making it unlawful for the owner, agent, lessee, receiver or operator of any mine in this State to employ or permit any person to work therein unless at least two openings are provided in connection with each stratum or seam of ore or coal, and providing a penalty for the violations of the provisions thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

House bill No. 599, "An Act to amend

an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Beaumont, to grant it a special charter, and to fix its boundaries,' passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature, Chapter 12, approved May 12, 1899, by amending Section 47 of said act, authorizing the city of Beaumont to invest the sinking fund created to pay the bonds issued by said city in bonds of the State, or of counties in the State of Texas, or of bonds of the United States, or to use such funds for the purchase of bonds of the city of Beaumont, which are not yet due."

Without approval.

House bill No. 84, "An Act to protect stock raisers and farmers, and providing for the destruction of wolves and other wild animals, to require the commissioners court of the several counties of this State not herein specially exempted to pay for the killing of such wolves and other wild animals, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Approved March 31st.

House bill No. 339, "An Act to amend Article 5001, Title CII, Chapter 5, of the Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to the prevention of hogs, sheep and goats from running at large, and declaring an emergency."

Approved March 31st.

House bill No. 584, "An Act to amend Subdivision 9, of Article 22, Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, changing the time of holding court and the length of terms of court in certain counties in the Ninth Judicial District of the State of Texas."

Approved March 31st.

House bill No. 306, "An Act to exempt the counties of Travis, Calhoun, Kinney, Reeves, Winkler and Loving from the provisions and operations of Articles 5002 to 5042, both inclusive, of Chapter 6, Title CII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to the inspection of hides and animals."

Approved March 31st.

House bill No. 432, "An Act to amend Article 1088, Chapter 2, Title XV, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relative to costs paid by the State."

Approved March 31st.

House bill No. 310, "An Act to amend Article 822, of Chapter 4, Title XVII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, of infectious diseases among animals."

Approved March 31st.

House bill No. 281, "An Act to amend Article 4593, Chapter 3, Title CII, Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, by

adding to the list of counties exempted from the provisions of the said chapter and title the county of Medina."

Without approval.

Substitute House bill Nos. 45 and 170, "An Act to regulate elections, and to prescribe penalties for its violation."

Approved April 1st.

House bill No. 467, "An Act to amend Section 51, Chapter 51, of an act entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system in the counties of Cherokee, Houston, Anderson, Trinity, Franklin, Delta, Harrison, Panola, Upshur, Shelby and Smith.

Without approval.

House bill No. 583, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Houston county; taking Houston county out of the list of exempted counties of Chapter 6, Articles 4763 to 4785a, Acts of 1895, except as otherwise specified in this act; to provide for the appointment of hands and laying out of road precincts; specifying those subject to road duty, and the length of time subject to road duty each year; to provide for relieving citizens of road duty by payment into the county treasury of \$5.00 for each road year; to encourage donation to the public roads by public spirited citizens of said county, and providing that donations may be duplicated by the commissioners court from the county treasury out of the road and bridge fund of said county; to provide for the supervision of the roads of said county, and for the appointment of road overseers for the several road precincts of the county; providing for encouragement of protection to the public roads by the use of wide tires; forbidding the use of any of the road and bridge fund of said county in any other manner than upon the public roads of said county; prohibiting the transfer of any part of said road and bridge fund to any other fund of said county, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Without approval.

House bill No. 579, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Blanco county."

Without approval.

House bill No. 549, "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Freestone county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners and prescribing their duties as such and providing for their compensation as road commissioners and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties, and for the working of

county convicts upon the roads of said county; and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for allowance of time for road service for same, and fixing a penalty for the violation of this act; and to authorize and empower the commissioners court of said county to issue bonds for the permanent improvement of the public roads of said county, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act as to Freestone county."

Without approval.

House bill No. 562, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Hunt county, in the State of Texas, and making county commissioners ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their powers and duties as such, and providing for their compensation as such road commissioners; and providing for the condemning of material for the construction of and maintenance of public roads, and to provide for compensation for the material used; and providing for the working of county convicts on the public roads and the purchase of supplies for such convicts and the rewards for the capture of escaped county convicts, and for commutation of sentence for faithful service and good behavior, and defining the duties and powers of road overseers, and to provide for the summoning of hands and teams for road work, and the allowance for the services of hands and teams on public roads; and fixing a penalty for violation of same, and relieving them from the performance of such work by the payment of three dollars, and authorizing the issuance of bonds by the commissioners court of said county for the permanent improvement of the roads and bridges of said county; providing for a special tax for the payment of the interest and principal of said bonds, and providing further, making this act cumulative of the general laws now in force, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

House bill No. 594, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Cherokee and Wood counties, Texas, and requiring the commissioners courts to appoint a road foreman for each precinct, prescribing their duties, providing compensation for their services and requiring that they give bond; providing that the overseers shall summon hands to bring tools, teams, etc., to perform work on the road; providing compensation for overseers, teams, tools, etc.; providing for the working of county convicts on the public roads; fixing the compensation for such service; providing guards,

board, lodging and medical aid for same; giving rewards for the capture of escaped convicts and giving commutation of sentence for faithful or meritorious service; providing for a special road tax and requiring that no part of the road and bridge fund, or of the special road tax created by this act, shall ever be diverted to any other purpose; repealing Chapter 70, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

House bill No. 558, "An Act to create a special road law for Delta county, and providing for levying and collecting a road tax; authorizing the commissioners court of said county to employ road superintendents and laborers on the public roads thereof; also to work convicts in opening, laying out and repairing said roads; giving the commissioners court the power to establish, change, improve or discontinue public roads, and to purchase and use all necessary teams and implements for that purpose; and giving to said court the power to condemn land for establishing, widening, draining and otherwise improving the public roads, and to cause obstructions to be removed therefrom; making each commissioner of said county a road superintendent in his precinct, and prescribing his duties; fixing the compensation for county commissioners for road service, and providing for the general supervision by the commissioners court of all public roads in said county."

Without approval.

House bill No. 1, "An Act to amend an act of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, passed at its Regular Session, being Chapter 119 of its acts, and entitled 'An Act to amend Article 5043, Chapter 6, Title 102, Revised Statutes, as amended by the Twenty-fifth Legislature, in Chapter 121, of said acts, relating to inspection of live stock, so as to place Randall county under the operation of said law, and to remove Cochran, Cottle, Bailey, Parmer, Lamb and other counties from the operation of said law,' and to provide for the appointment of an inspector of hides and animals for Zapata county."

Without approval.

House bill No. 472, "An Act to amend Articles 4309, 4310, 4315 and 4316 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by Chapter 155, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, approved May 27, 1899, relative to the bonds of public weighers, their duties, liabilities and compensation and making their certificates negotiable."

Without approval.

House bill No. 571, "An Act to amend Section 6, of Chapter 102, of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, same being 'An Act to promote agriculture and stock raising, and to prohibit the hunting with firearms or dogs upon the enclosed and posted lands of another in all counties within this State not specially named as exempt from the provisions of this act, and to provide a penalty therefor.'"

Without approval.

House bill No. 67, "An Act to amend Article 649, Chapter 2, Title XXI, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the amendment of charters, and to add Article 650a to said chapter, authorizing incorporation for two or more distinct purposes."

Without approval.

House bill No. 85, "An Act to amend Article 967, Chapter 3, Title XVIII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, of 1895; and to amend Article 969 of said Penal Code, as amended by Chapter 47, Regular Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, relating to the penalty for seduction and relating to marriages in cases of seduction."

Without approval.

House bill No. 441, "An Act to amend Subdivision 2, of Article 4580, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, and to enlarge the powers of the Railroad Commission relative to passenger train service."

Without approval.

House bill No. 40, "An Act to amend Article 3905, Chapter 7, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the scholastic age."

Without approval.

House bill No. 151, "An Act to amend Article 3909a, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 7, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, of 1895, relating to the public school curriculum, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

House bill No. 509, "An Act to amend Article 4560c, of Title XCIV, Chapter 12a, of the Revised Civil Statutes, of 1895, relating to the duties of railroad agents."

Approved April 3rd.

House bill No. 160, "An Act to authorize the incorporation of mutual assessment accident insurance companies, and to control and regulate same."

Approved April 3rd.

House bill No. 136, "An Act to amend Chapter 153 of the General Laws of the

State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature and amended at the Regular Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, and at the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, entitled 'An Act to prohibit the taking of fish from the fresh waters and streams of this State, otherwise than by means of the ordinary hook and line, and trot line; and to prohibit the sale or shipping of game fish in this State; and to provide penalties for the violation thereof,' by fixing a penalty for the use of poison, dynamite or other explosive in killing, catching and taking fish."

Without approval.

House bill No. 293, "An Act to provide for the protection of honey bees against foul brood and other contagious diseases, and providing that all beekeepers report to the State Entomologist when infectious diseases exist; providing for collecting the expense of eradicating the disease, and fixing the charges upon the owner or agent of the bees; providing for the extermination of all contagious diseases, and providing penalties for any of the violations of this act."

Without approval.

House bill No. 106, "An Act to amend Section 9, Chapter 11, Act of February 23, 1900, relating to the patenting of homestead claims, pre-emptions and other persons who settled upon public land or purchased same, which act adjusted the account between the State and school fund, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

House bill No. 338, "An Act to amend Section 16 of an act entitled 'An Act to define and regulate fraternal benefit societies, orders or associations; to prescribe the terms and conditions on which such societies organized under the laws of other States or those doing business in other States may be permitted to do business in Texas, and to define the duties of the Commissioner of Insurance of this State in reference thereto; providing for the incorporation of such societies, and declaring an emergency,' approved May 12, 1899, so as to exclude from the provisions of said act the Switchmen's Union of North America."

Approved April 3rd.

House bill No. 390, "An Act providing for the admission of epileptics into the epileptic colony, providing for the transfer of epileptics from the insane asylums to said colony; prescribing the duties and powers of certain officers and

fixing compensation; and declaring an emergency."

Approved April 3rd.

House bill No. 199, "An Act to amend Section 1, of Article 1093, Title XV, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, so as to provide for the payment of any witness who may have been reorganized, subpoenaed or attached, and given bond for his appearance before any grand jury out of the county of his residence, to give testimony in a felony case, and who shall appear in compliance with the obligation of such recognizance or bond."

Without approval.

House bill No. 485, "An Act to amend Sections 2, 6, 100, 101, 143, 144, 145, 151, of 'An Act to incorporate the city of Sherman in Grayson county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for its government and the management of its affairs,' passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature, as amended, being the city charter of said city; and to add thereto Sections 145a, 145b, 145c, 145d, 145e, 145f, 145g, 145h, 145i, 145j, 145k, 145l, providing for public improvements and the appointment of commissioners by the county judge to ascertain the amount of cost thereof that may be made; and making same a charge and lien against abutting property and the owners thereof; and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith; and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

Substitute House bill No. 120, "An Act to amend Article 642 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended by Chapter 130, Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, Chapter 43, Acts of Twenty-sixth Legislature, and Chapter 43, Acts of Twenty-seventh Legislature, by adding thereto Subdivision 61, and to authorize the formation of corporations for the construction and operation of interurban electric railways."

Without approval.

House bill No. 568, "An Act to amend Section 2 of an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Waco, and to define its boundaries and powers,' which was passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-second Legislature in 1891, and which amended Section 15 and added Section 21a to an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Waco, and define its boundaries and powers,' which was approved February 19, 1889."

Without approval.

House bill No. 465, "An Act to incorporate the trustees of the independent

school district of the city of San Antonio, Texas, under the name 'San Antonio School Board,' with power to make contracts, to be a party to actions in courts, to receive gifts, grants, conveyances, donations or devises for use of public free school of said city and district, and power to levy taxes, to issue and dispose of bonds and provide for payment of same, to adopt text-books, and to do all acts authorized by this law, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

House bill No. 107, "An Act to regulate the sale of cocaine and other drugs; to regulate the issuance of prescriptions for such drugs; to require persons selling such drugs upon prescriptions to file same and keep it subject to the inspection of the public and to provide penalties for the violation thereof."

Approved April 6.

House bill No. 597 "An Act to amend Section 18, Article 22, Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and to fix the time for holding courts in the Eighteenth Judicial District."

Without approval.

House bill No. 103, "An Act to add to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas a department of instruction in the theory and practical art of textile and kindred branches of industry, and to make an appropriation therefor."

Without approval.

House bill No. 243, "An Act to appropriate \$50,000 to be paid to any one who will discover and furnish a practical remedy that will exterminate the cotton boll weevil, and \$2,500 for expenses and per diem of committee to pass on the findings of said person or persons."

Without approval.

Substitute House bill Nos. 33, 37, 61, 176, 232 and 277, "An Act to preserve and protect the wild game, wild birds and wild fowl of the State; to provide adequate penalties for the unlawful taking, slaughter, sale or shipment thereof, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Without approval.

House bill No. 116, "An Act requiring all persons or corporations owning or operating street railways in any of the cities of this State of not less than 40,000 inhabitants to transfer children under the age of twelve years, and all students not more than seventeen years of age attending any public or private academic school at and for one-half the fare regularly charged for the transpor-

tation of adult persons, and providing penalties for violation of this act."

Approved April 10th.

House bill No. 88, "An Act to provide for instruction in manual training in the State normal schools of Texas; to provide for State aid in the necessary equipment for teaching manual training in public schools; and to make an appropriation for such purpose."

Without approval.

House bill No. 529, "An Act to provide for the creation and maintenance of a Pasteur hospital for the treatment of hydrophobia in this State, and locating same in connection with and under the management of the State Lunatic Asylum; also prescribing the conditions whereupon such patients are to be admitted, maintained and governed, and declaring an emergency."

Without approval.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3, Requesting the Governor to return Senate bill No. 17 for correction.

Approved January 29th.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4: Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Educational Affairs shall appoint two members of the said committee who, with himself, shall constitute a sub-committee to act with a sub-committee of the House Committee on Education, the committees of both houses to prepare a bill which shall comprise a revision of the general school laws, the bill thus prepared to be introduced concurrently in both houses as soon as practicable.

Approved February 20th.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10, Authorizing and instructing the Land Commissioner to withhold school and asylum lands from sale until pending legislation, regulating the manner of filing applications to purchase is consummated.

Approved March 13th.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15, Granting the Daughters of the Republic a room in the capitol.

Without approval.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

House Joint Resolution No. 1, Amending Article 3, Section 51, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to-

the pensions of ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors."

Without approval.

House Joint Resolution No. 11, Authorizing submission to vote of the people an amendment to Constitution authorizing certain internal improvements.

Without approval.

Substitute House Joint Resolution Nos. 2 and 5, To amend Section 16, Article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the incorporation of corporate bodies with banking and discounting privileges; prescribe the liability of shareholders in the same; provide for the regulation of such corporate bodies, and prohibiting foreign corporations with such powers to do business in this State; and providing for the submission of such proposed constitutional amendment as required by law.

Without approval.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS.

House concurrent Resolution No. 2, Providing for the counting of the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and the inauguration of the same.

Approved January 16th.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, Expressing the high esteem in which the Hon. John H. Reagan is held by the people of Texas, citing his eminent public services throughout a long and useful career and congratulating him upon his retirement from public life cheered by the love and approbation of the people.

Approved January 23rd.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, Instructing United States Senators to favor a measure providing for the purchase of a permanent camp site in Texas as now under consideration by Congress.

Approved February 3rd.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, Providing for a joint committee of three members of the House and two of the Senate to visit the San Jacinto battle ground.

Approved February 12th.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 9, Providing for appointment of a joint committee to visit the Beeville Experiment Station, located at Beeville, Texas, and make report thereon.

Without approval.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, Providing for a joint committee to negotiate a purchase by the State of Mc-

Ardle's battle painting, "The Battle of San Jacinto."

Approved February 26th.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 10:

Whereas, The national government at Washington has annually made appropriations for continuing the work at Aransas Pass, on the coast of Texas, for the purpose of deepening the water in the channel of said pass; and

Whereas, There now exists an available fund for such purpose of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), the same lying idle, much to the detriment of the commerce of the State of Texas; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That we do hereby request and urge upon our Representatives in the House and Senate of the United States Congress at Washington, the urgent necessity of the speedy application of the said fund in the prosecution of the work for which said fund was appropriated.

Without approval.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 15, Relating to the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

Approved March 11th.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 20, Endorsing Hon. J. D. Sayers for the position of a commissioner on the Isthmian Canal Commission, and commending his appointment to the President of the United States for that position.

Approved March 13th.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 11, Granting leave of absence to Hon. L. W. Moore, judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District.

Approved March 13th.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 6, Providing for the printing of Legislative Manuals.

Without approval.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 17, Authorizing the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds to expend \$2,500 in repairing and keeping in proper condition the State cemetery.

Approved March 21st.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 18, Relative to a certain room in the State capitol for use of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Without approval.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 26, Relating to a hearing room for the Railroad Commission, and making an appropriation therefor.

Without approval.